

# Oracles

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## TENETS

\*If we ever experienced a problem anywhere, it came about, in some degree, due to certain wrong assumptions, either co-present with, or just prior to the given problem's actually taking place.

\* Unless you believe in God, the One, and or the infinite, every assumption is contingent.

\* PROCESS (or if you prefer spirit, or activity) PRECEDES IMAGE. Image may, to some extent, (and sometimes almost perfectly) represent process. But process is always superior to and always more real than image. If process precedes image this might suggest also that mind precedes matter and energy.

\* Everything we believe, or say we know, is based on a *factual* or *value* judgment. Both kinds of judgment always entail the other to some extent, and nothing can be known or exists for us without them.

\* No fact or purported fact is true or false without someone to assert and believe it to be such. If an assertion or claim is deemed true or false then, and we are thorough, we should ask who is it that says so (or has said so), and what criteria are (were) they using? There is no such thing as "faceless" truth or reality -- at least none we are capable of knowing.

\* You can't escape reason. If you aren't rational yourself, someone else will be rational for you; nor do their intentions toward you need to be friendly or benevolent.

\* *Every* point of view and opinion has its truth to it -- even the most abhorrent and unacceptable to us. This said, we are naturally inclined to assume that some opinions have much greater truth to them than others. Even so, what little truth there is in any point of view must, at least at some juncture, and certainly with respect to issues of heated controversy, be justly and reasonably respected. Why? Because we would not be honest (and therefore not truthful) if we didn't.

\* *Ultimately*, and when all is said and done, thought without heart is nothing.

\* Most, if not all, of society's very worst problems arise from (certain) spirit people and those who listen to them -- whether the former comes in the shape of "God," angel, devil or what have you. It is these people who are most the source and cause of real unhappiness. If then you chance to have contact with such, while having (one assumes) overcome their lures, deceptions, and pretenses of benevolence and higher knowledge, I recommend that this (i.e., "unhappiness" or "unhappiness itself") is what you call them. Blame them for (most) everything wrong; for it is it is they who have been and are the ruin of everyone and everything (that is, if anyone is or could be said to be so.)

## Mottos:

*"When you can face me, I'll consider taking you seriously."*

*"Millions for defense; not one cent for tribute!"*

*"The whole of the city is at the mercy of a gang of criminals, led by a man who calls himself the Kid. And I'm the only one who can find him for you."*

*Note.* The "oracles" are given, top to the bottom of the text, in order from the most recent to the very earliest entry (just as originally presented at gunjones.com); the very first you see below then is the last entered at the website, while the very first entered for the year is given as the last item in this text.

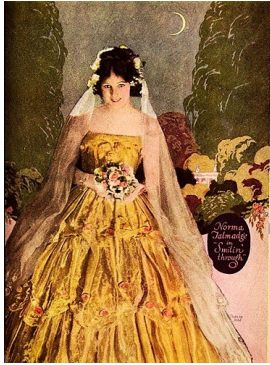
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The fear of God, who is impassible, is free of perturbation. For it is not God that one dreads, but the falling away from God. He who dreads this, dreads falling into what is evil, and dreads what is evil. And he that fears a fall wishes himself to be immortal and passionless.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [Fragments](#)

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[Posted on Face Book]



"Smilin' Through" (1922, rel. 13 Feb.) with Norma Talmadge

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJh93x3AfoI>  
from the Netherland Film Museum (w/ Dutch subtitles)

Review from the imdb:

"This first film version of the hit play (which starred Jane Cowl) was a big hit starring Norma Talmadge in the dual role of Kathleen/Moonyeen [Monica]. The story is partly told in flashback to explain John's (Wyndham Standing) hatred of the Wayne family, which includes Kathleen's love Kenneth (Harrison Ford, who also plays Jeremiah in the flashback). Years before, John was about to marry Moonyeen when her spurned lover Jeremiah burst into the wedding and fired a shot at John. Moonyeen jumps in front of her intended and is killed. From that day John has lived in bitter hatred of the Wayne family. So when Kenneth comes calling on Kathleen, John refuses to let Kathleen see him. But World War I is imminent and Kenneth goes away, swearing eternal love. The melodramatic storyline is helped by the idea that the ghosts of John's youth watch over the living, waiting for them to join them. John is told by his friend (Alec B. Francis) that the hatred in his heart will always drive away the love Moonyeen had for him. She hovers but can't connect to the hateful old man. Will the young lovers be united? Will John see the error of his ways? Norma Talmadge, with her dark eyes and expressive mouth is excellent here as the tragic heroine but also has a few light moments as when she's trying to ditch a young man (Glenn Hunter) at a dance. Harrison Ford gets to play the mooning lover but also the deranged Jeremiah. Standing seems pretty unappealing but he handles his acting chores well. And yes that's Gene Lockhart as the village rector, in his film debut. This is a very nice production of the old fashioned and delicate story of love everlasting. The ghost of Moonyeen tells us that if people only lived their lives knowing what awaits them after death, they would go smilin' through life. The title of this film in the opening credits is actually SMILING THROUGH."

For a good music track to accompany it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMG6XCp8QOU>

["A. Vivaldi: Mandolin and Lute Concertos [L'Arte dell'Arco - F.Guglielmo]"]

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"Broncho Billy's Christmas Dinner" (1911)

with G.M. Anderson -- and who from the looks of this film may have influenced Chaplin more than we ordinarily think.

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g\\_PiHS2wWAM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_PiHS2wWAM)

from the Netherland Film Museum (w/ Dutch subtitles)

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Therefore God does not here take the semblance of man, but of a dove, because He wished to show the simplicity and gentleness of the new manifestation of the Spirit by the likeness of the dove. For the law was stern, and punished with the sword; but grace is joyous, and trains by the word of meekness. Hence the Lord also says to the apostles, who said that He should punish with fire those who would not receive Him, after the manner of Elias: "You know not what manner of spirit you are of." [Luke 9:55]

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [Fragments](#)

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[Posted at the Lee's Legion page on Face Book]

I am posting our routine "seasonal" music a week earlier than usual this time around, well, because -- 'tis the season!  
Also because Hanukah is in full swing and this absolutely exquisite aria -- sung with most magnificent pathos by counter tenor Alfred Deller -- from Handel's Messiah can suit Jew as well as Christian. This video starts with a poignant air from Handel's "Julius Caesar;" so if you want to jump to our main attraction, it starts at 3:47. (No special visuals to the video by the way, for listening only.) See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teTbE0pTtxc>

["Alfred Deller sings Handel - RARE" - . "Alma del gran Pompeo" from Handel's Giulio Cesare (1953) 2. "O thou that tellest" from Handel's Messiah (1953)]

This otherwise bleak weather-wise month of year can also be a time of dolor and downcast spirits for some, but never fear! Lee's Legion is ready for anything. If such is your mood, we have the perfect thing for you with Deller singing "O, let me weep" from Purcell's "The Fairy Queen." See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaURm\\_geFIA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaURm_geFIA)

["Alfred Deller "O, let me weep" The Fairy Queen"]

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Leave aside their real, or merely reputed, or perhaps exaggerated guilt, who after all is this person out to get Harvey Weinstein, et al? Notice also that as much as these kinds of stories are played up in the news, we never get to see or hear interviews with any of the accused; to get their side of the story. If what we have been seeing and hearing IS something resembling a present day Stalinist-like purge in Hollywood and the mass media (as one might very reasonably surmise or suspect it to be), who, one wonders, is behind it all? Remember that bad girl character on Little House on the Prairie? I frankly wouldn't be surprised if the real life person that Michael Landon based her on is still around.



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Above all, Christians are not allowed to correct with violence the delinquencies of sins. For it is not those that abstain from wickedness from compulsion, but those that abstain from choice, that God crowns. It is impossible for a man to be steadily good except by his own choice. For he that is made good by compulsion of another is not good; for he is not what he is by his own choice. For it is the freedom of each one that makes true goodness and reveals real wickedness. Whence through these dispositions God contrived to make His own disposition manifest.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [Fragments](#), Maximus, Sermon 55.

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Now something could not bother you unless it is. And yet something only is because somebody says so. The obvious question then you must ask yourself is, exactly who is this somebody?

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1 John 4: "Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God..." One way to do this, he goes on to state, is having the spirit person say that that Jesus Christ has come from God.

And yet is there in addition a further way to test a spirit? Yes, and that is by determining if they are honest, moral and just -- at least as much as you could reasonably expect anyone to be. For if a spirit person is not verifiably honest, moral, and just, why and how could you ever think of trusting them; unless perhaps it was out of irrational and childish fear?

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Quite understandably, he is afraid he will get into trouble if you know what he did and who he is (and therefore he makes a point of denying you this information.)

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Every consciousness comes from God, who is ultimate consciousness. And although not all consciousness a given one might possess is God (exception potentially), everyone possessing consciousness can be said to be and possess a part of Him. Be kind and respectful therefore to your fellow man, and animals and plants too, for you know not what they might one day become; seeing that they have some of Him in them.

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"What does it profit a man to gain the entire world and lose his soul?"

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"What does it profit a man to gain his soul and lose the world?"

Either way, people are like that.

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To anyone else it is utter insanity, but to the Three Stooges or the Outer Limits, however, it is perfectly normal behavior.

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...Hence it appears that the soul is not naturally immortal; but is made immortal by the grace of God, through faith and righteousness, and by knowledge. "Of which salvation," he says, [1 Peter 10] "the prophets have inquired and searched diligently," and what follows. It is declared by this that the prophets spoke with wisdom, and that the Spirit of Christ was in them, according to the possession of Christ, and in subjection to Christ. For God works through archangels and kindred angels, who are called spirits of Christ...

..."Verily foreknown before the foundation of the world." Inasmuch as He was foreknown before every creature, because He was Christ. "But manifested in the last times" by the generation of a body. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed." The soul, then, which is produced along with the body is corruptible, as some think...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [Fragments](#), "Comments on the First Epistle of Peter"

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"We are told by William of Malmesbury, that Pope Sylvester the Second, a profound mathematician who lived in the eleventh century, made a brazen head, which would speak when spoken to, and oracularly resolved many difficult questions. Albertus Magnus, who was also a profound adept in those sciences which were taught by the Arabian schools, is said to have framed a man of brass; which not only answered questions readily and truly, but was so loquacious, that Thomas Aquinas, while a pupil of Albertus Magnus, afterwards an Angelic doctor, knocked it in pieces as the disturber of his abstruse speculations. This was about the year 1240. Much in the same manner, the notion of our knight's horse being moved by means of a concealed engine, corresponds with their pretences of producing preternatural effects, and their love of surprising by geometrical powers. Exactly in this notion, Rocail, a giant in some of the Arabian romances, is said to have built a palace, together with his own sepulchre, of most magnificent architecture, and with singular artifice: in both of these he placed a great number of gigantic statues, or images, figured of different metals by talismanic skill, which, in consequence of some occult machinery, performed actions of real life, and looked like living men."

~ Thomas Warton, *History of English Poetry*, vol. II, sec. XV.

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An economy may be overflowing with jobs and materially wealth, yet what good is all that if it suffers from a dire poverty of heart, spirit, rationality, and just law and order?

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For many, the game of life consists of obtaining 5 or more of 7 tokens/pieces and you win, and yet no single token piece is strictly necessary,

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If he *is* doing something with his life then what exactly is it he is doing?

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The word is the ghost of Charles Manson is now lurking about somewhere, having, as he does, some business to settle with them.

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As best as I can figure it, he wants you to be *his* Dean Martin. The idea being, if you don't go along you'll incur his retribution.

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[ch. 4]

...For in reality there is no other purity but abstinence from sins. Excellently then Epicharmus says:—

“If a pure mind you have,  
In your whole body you are pure.”...

[ch. 6]

...The altar, then, that is with us here, the terrestrial one, is the congregation of those who devote themselves to prayers, having as it were one common voice and one mind...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 7.

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[ch. 3] ...Rich he is in the highest degree in desiring nothing, as having few wants; and being in the midst of abundance of all good through the knowledge of the good. For it is the first effect of his righteousness, to love to spend his time and associate with those of his own race both in earth and heaven. So also he is liberal of what he possesses. And being a lover of men, he is a hater of the wicked, entertaining a perfect aversion to all villainy. He must consequently learn to be faithful both to himself and his neighbours, and obedient to the commandments...

...Now the Greek philosophy, as it were, purges the soul, and prepares it beforehand for the reception of faith, on which the Truth builds up the edifice of knowledge.

This is the true athlete— he who in the great stadium, the fair world, is crowned for the true victory over all the passions. For He who prescribes the contest is the Almighty God, and He who awards the prize is the only-begotten Son of God. Angels and gods are spectators; and the contest, embracing all the varied exercises, is “not against flesh and blood,” [Ephesians 6:12] but against the spiritual powers of inordinate passions that work through the flesh. He who obtains the mastery in these struggles, and overthrows the tempter, menacing, as it were, with certain contests, wins immortality. For the sentence of God in most righteous judgment is infallible...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 7.

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(Some assorted from our Note Pad drawer)

\* If it should so happen you are dealing with a person who believes in the teaching of demonism (and at the expense of honesty, right reason, peace, law and order, etc.), take the opportunity to remind them that such a doctrine and teaching is absolutely the worst on record.

\* The use of spirit people is a method of some to excuse or even legitimate serious crime; the idea being that spirit people are superior to and above basic morals and common law.

\* It cannot be said too often that so much of the time we take a part (or someone or something) for the whole.

\* When those who can't honestly or fairly compete against someone argue for rejecting that person, then you know why.

\* Can lasting good come from an amoral source?

\* He deliberately ruined all these people's and animal's lives in order that he might go on living in a fantasy world.

\* If your neighbor pays invading barbarians extortion money, must you as well?

\* He can get you in. But after that, it is to a not insignificant extent up to you to raise yourself up from there.

\* Sirach 30:16 "There is no riches above the riches of the health of the body: and there is no pleasure above the joy of the heart."

- \* (Sayings I often like to employ:)
- "brother of all mice"
- "hickory snick jick"
- "by jingo is the means of saying no jingo."

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[ch. 2]

...So the best thing on earth is the most pious man; and the best thing in heaven, the nearer in place and purer, is an angel, the partaker of the eternal and blessed life. But the nature of the Son, which is nearest to Him who is alone the Almighty One, is the most perfect, and most holy, and most potent, and most princely, and most kingly, and most beneficent. This is the highest excellence, which orders all things in accordance with the Father's will, and holds the helm of the universe in the best way, with unwearied and tireless power, working all things in which it operates, keeping in view its hidden designs. For from His own point of view the Son of God is never displaced; not being divided, not severed, not passing from place to place; being always everywhere, and being contained nowhere; complete mind, the complete paternal light; all eyes, seeing all things, hearing all things, knowing all things, by His power scrutinizing the powers. To Him is placed in subjection all the host of angels and gods; He, the paternal Word, exhibiting a the holy administration for Him who put [all] in subjection to Him...

...For this was the law from the first, that virtue should be the object of voluntary choice. Wherefore also the commandments, according to the Law, and before the Law, not given to the upright (for the law is not appointed for a righteous man [1 Timothy 1:9], ordained that he should receive eternal life and the blessed prize, who chose them...

...And, on the other hand, He is in no respect whatever the cause of evil. For all things are arranged with a view to the salvation of the universe by the Lord of the universe, both generally and particularly. It is then the function of the righteousness of salvation to improve everything as far as practicable. For even minor matters are arranged with a view to the salvation of that which is better, and for an abode suitable for people's character. Now everything that is virtuous changes for the better; having as the proper cause of change the free choice of knowledge, which the soul has in its own power. But necessary corrections, through the goodness of the great overseeing Judge, both by the attendant angels, and by various acts of anticipative judgment, and by the perfect judgment, compel egregious sinners to repent.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 7.

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Google salutes our veterans, 11 Nov. 2017.

How many recall the time (not SO long ago) when there was no Google Doodle, and you could personalize your Google Home page with multiple widgets and mini features, running simultaneously, like news, sports, weather, word of the day, games, music-- or whatever suited your fancy.

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[ch. 17]

...Philosophy is not, then, the product of vice, since it makes men virtuous; it follows, then, that it is the work of God, whose work it is solely to do good. And all things given by God are given and received well...

...Rightly, then, to the Jews belonged the Law, and to the Greeks Philosophy, until the Advent; and after that came the universal calling to be a peculiar people of righteousness, through the teaching which flows from faith, brought together by one Lord, the only God of both Greeks and Barbarians, or rather of the whole race of men. We have often called by the name philosophy that portion of truth attained through philosophy, although but partial...

...The philosophers, however, chose to [teach philosophy] to the Greeks alone, and not even to all of them; but Socrates to Plato, and Plato to Xenocrates, Aristotle to Theophrastus, and Zeno to Cleanthes, who persuaded their own followers alone.

But the word of our Teacher remained not in Judea alone, as philosophy did in Greece; but was diffused over the whole world, over every nation, and village, and town, bringing already over to the truth whole houses, and each individual of those who heard it by him himself, and not a few of the philosophers themselves.

And if any one ruler whatever prohibit the Greek philosophy, it vanishes immediately. But our doctrine on its very first proclamation was prohibited by kings and tyrants together, as well as particular rulers and governors, with all their mercenaries, and in addition by innumerable men, warring against us, and endeavouring as far as they could to exterminate it. But it flourishes the more. For it dies

not, as human doctrine dies, nor fades as a fragile gift. For no gift of God is fragile. But it remains unchecked, though prophesied as destined to be persecuted to the end....

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 4.

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[Posted at the Lee's Legion page on Face Book]

"FORGOTTEN POEMS AND POETS, PART II (1776-1805)"

This is too long to post here as an article, so if interested please see the following links, and rather than make a separate file, I have included Part II with Part I; that was put up here some months ago.

<https://archive.org/details/ForgottenPoemsAndPoetsOfEarlyAmerica> ~or~

<https://www.scribd.com/document/345059539/Forgotten-Poems-and-Poets-of-Early-America-1776-1805>

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Both are also contained in *The Continental Army Series: Odds and Ends* compendium at:

[http://www.gunjones.com/CAS\\_odds-and-ends.pdf](http://www.gunjones.com/CAS_odds-and-ends.pdf)

~or~

<https://archive.org/details/CASOddsAndEnds>

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAh9MbMk1jI>

["Superman and the Mole-Men" - clip from 1951 film]

It's been quite a while, but I have three enthusiastic "recommendations" for you--

Although "My Favorite Martian," with Ray Walston and Bill Bixby, and "Dr. Kildare," with Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey, used to be routinely shown by low budget local tv stations, apparently now it turns out these shows are owned by Warner Bros. or other mega-corporate entity. The same with the movie "[Superman and the Mole Men](#)" (1951). How did this all seemingly happen over night? It's a great mystery. At any rate, I would have thought these would have been much easier to obtain on DVD than they are.

Have been continuing to go through the old "Outer Limits" tv series and just this past week saw two absolutely terrific episodes:

["The Mutant" \(1964\)](#)

-- effective performance by Warren Oates; accompanied by a helpful introduction to telepathic mind reading.

["The Guests" \(1964\)](#) with Geoffery Horne, Luana Anders, and Gloria Grahame

-- this and so far, in my opinion, is the best Outer Limits episode of all time. Though it might have been even better, great script!

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As much as anything else, the crises of life have their origin and arise out of a conflict between real or voluntary value choices *versus* fake or involuntary (or forced) value choices. The former is the stance of heaven; the latter is of its opposite and who are also the champions of mind control and who, as a rule, forbid honest rational discussion.

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[ch. 15]

...But the things which co-operate in the discovery of truth are not to be rejected. Philosophy, accordingly, which proclaims a Providence, and the recompense of a life of felicity, and the punishment, on the other hand, of a life of misery, teaches theology comprehensively; but it does not preserve accuracy and particular points; for neither respecting the Son of God, nor respecting the economy of Providence, does it treat similarly with us; for it did not know the worship of God...

...For many reasons, then, the Scriptures hide the sense. First, that we may become inquisitive, and be ever on the watch for the discovery of the words of salvation. Then it was not suitable for all to understand, so that they might not receive harm in consequence of taking in another sense the things declared for salvation by the Holy Spirit. Wherefore the holy mysteries of the prophecies are

veiled in the parables—preserved for chosen men, selected to knowledge in consequence of their faith; for the style of the Scriptures is parabolic. Wherefore also the Lord, who was not of the world, came as one who was of the world to men. For He was clothed with all virtue; and it was His aim to lead man, the foster-child of the world, up to the objects of intellect, and to the most essential truths by knowledge, from one world to another...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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[ch. 12]

...Therefore the Gnostic prays in thought during every hour, being by love allied to God. And first he will ask forgiveness of sins; and after, that he may sin no more; and further, the power of well-doing and of comprehending the whole creation and administration by the Lord, that, becoming pure in heart through the knowledge, which is by the Son of God, he may be initiated into the beatific vision face to face, having heard the Scripture which says, "Fasting with prayer is a good thing." [Tobit 12:8]

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17phLGMki7M&t=3614s>

["2012-11-08 - COJ Exploration series - "Extra-terrestrial Phenomena and UFO's"]

Another most interesting and informative video from Father Sean O'Laoire, and to which I posted the following comment:

"Great talk and much appreciated. It seems well to observe, nonetheless, that technological-scientific sophistication does not necessarily imply equal or greater moral, spiritual, and or aesthetic sophistication; so that someone then who may be a technological-scientific 'super-man' or 'super-deva' or 'super-asura' might also conceivably be characterized as a morally, spiritually, or aesthetically backward baboon. Look logically therefore before you leap."

To which I might also add, if there is such a thing as advanced technological machinery, one might reasonably posit as well ultra advanced powers of deception and "magic" (as in the David Copperfield-Blackstone Jr. kind.)

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[ch. 9]

For, in fine, it is impossible that the immutable should assume firmness and consistency in the mutable. But the ruling faculty being in perpetual change, and therefore unstable, the force of habit is not maintained. For how can he who is perpetually changed by external occurrences and accidents, ever possess habit and disposition, and in a word, grasp of scientific knowledge? Further, also, the philosophers regard the virtues as habits, dispositions, and sciences. And as knowledge (gnosis) is not born with men, but is acquired, and the acquiring of it in its elements demands application, and training, and progress; and then from incessant practice it passes into a habit; so, when perfected in the mystic habit, it abides, being infallible through love. For not only has he apprehended the first Cause, and the Cause produced by it, and is sure about them, possessing firmly firm and irrefragable and immoveable reasons; but also respecting what is good and what is evil, and respecting all production, and to speak comprehensively, respecting all about which the Lord has spoken, he has learned, from the truth itself, the most exact truth from the foundation of the world to the end. Not preferring to the truth itself what appears plausible, or, according to Hellenic reasoning, necessary; but what has been spoken by the Lord he accepts as clear and evident, though concealed from others; and he has already received the knowledge of all things. And the oracles we possess give their utterances respecting what exists, as it is; and respecting what is future, as it shall be; and respecting what is past, as it was...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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Watching the film again all these years later returned me to one of the prime books on the subject, namely that by William M. Drew; a masterpiece in its own right, and a veritable classic of our own time that should be better known (hence my posting this.)

See at amazon.com:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9whk75l>

*D.W. Griffith's Intolerance: Its Genesis and Its Vision* (1986, McFarland Classics) by William M. Drew (Author)

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Also:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyqDQnoXa70>



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An ingrained and common appreciation and sense of Brother and Sisterhood are absolutely necessary for peace and a properly safe, healthy and better quality of life. At the same time, such is only possible by means of genuine trust, honesty, and rationality. And yet look at society's would-be reformers, whether secular or religious. Do they, at large, really rely or focus on the truth? No, rather the most important medium of communication and starting point of consideration is rhetoric and an understanding of what is going on in and through rhetoric, with honest rational truth and dialogue being a far, far distant second.

In criticizing the mass media and the mass media party, as we have here so many times before, it is not the mass media itself that is so deserving of criticism and or condemnation. Instead the problem rather is it has, especially in the last 30 years, largely been taken over by witchcraft based people and organized crime combined, and who in turn lead an oversee an army of dupes and poorly educated persons. Even Trump, who is an outspoken decrier of fake news, had to go to the mass media to get his music acts for his pre-inauguration celebration/show. While before that, both Bush Jr. and Obama revered, medalled, and honored that granted well meaning but spectacular mediocrity Steven Spielberg; as if he was everybody's bi-partisan favorite. But this all just tip of the iceberg, just to give you a general idea. Otherwise, many of you will already know what a joke and a racket the mass media most of the time is and has become; pretending to represent the people, when in fact they work for the very worst of criminals, indeed the enemy of all man and animal kind.

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[ch. 9]

...For by going away to the Lord, for the love he bears Him, though his tabernacle be visible on earth, he does not withdraw himself from life. For that is not permitted to him. But he has withdrawn his soul from the passions. For that is granted to him. And on the other hand he lives, having put to death his lusts, and no longer makes use of the body, but allows it the use of necessities, that he may not give cause for dissolution.

How, then, has he any more need of fortitude, who is not in the midst of dangers, being not present, but already wholly with the object of love? And what necessity for self-restraint to him who has not need of it? For to have such desires, as require self-restraint in order to their control, is characteristic of one who is not yet pure, but subject to passion. Now, fortitude is assumed by reason of fear and cowardice. For it were no longer seemly that the friend of God, whom "God has fore-ordained before the foundation of the world" [Ephesians 1:4-5] to be enrolled in the highest "adoption," should fall into pleasures or fears, and be occupied in the repression of the passions. For I venture to assert, that as he is predestinated through what he shall do, and what he shall obtain, so also has he predestinated himself by reason of what he knew and whom he loved; not having the future indistinct, as the multitude live, conjecturing it, but having grasped by gnostic faith what is hidden from others. And through love, the future is for him already present. For he has believed, through prophecy and the advent, on God who lies not. And what he believes he possesses, and keeps hold of the promise. And He who has promised is truth. And through the trustworthiness of Him who has promised, he has firmly laid hold of the end of the promise by knowledge. And he, who knows the sure comprehension of the future which there is in the circumstances, in which he is placed, by love goes to meet the future. So he, that is persuaded that he will obtain the things that are really good, will not pray to obtain what is here, but that he may always cling to the faith which hits the mark and succeeds. And besides, he will pray that as many as possible may become like him, to the glory of God, which is perfected through knowledge. For he who is made like the Saviour is also devoted to saving; performing unerringly the commandments as far as the human nature may admit of the image. And this is to worship God by deeds and knowledge of the true righteousness. The Lord will not wait for the voice of this man in prayer. "Ask," He says, "and I will do it; think, and I will give."

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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[ch. 8]

...And in general terms, we shall not err in alleging that all things necessary and profitable for life came to us from God, and that philosophy more especially was given to the Greeks, as a covenant peculiar to them— being, as it is, a stepping-stone to the philosophy which is according to Christ— although those who applied themselves to the philosophy of the Greeks shut their ears voluntarily to the truth, despising the voice of Barbarians, or also dreading the danger suspended over the believer, by the laws of the state.

And as in the Barbarian philosophy, so also in the Hellenic, "tares were sown" by the proper husbandman of the tares; whence also heresies grew up among us along with the productive wheat; and those who in the Hellenic philosophy preach the impiety and voluptuousness of Epicurus, and whatever other tenets are disseminated contrary to right reason, exist among the Greeks as spurious fruits of the divinely bestowed husbandry. This voluptuous and selfish philosophy the apostle calls "the wisdom of this world;" in consequence of its teaching the things of this world and about it alone, and its consequent subjection, as far as respects ascendancy, to those who rule here...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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[ch. 7]

As we have long ago pointed out, what we propose as our subject is not the discipline which obtains in each sect, but that which is really philosophy, strictly systematic Wisdom, which furnishes acquaintance with the things which pertain to life. And we define Wisdom to be certain knowledge, being a sure and irrefragable apprehension of things divine and human, comprehending the present, past, and future, which the Lord has taught us, both by His advent and by the prophets. And it is irrefragable by reason, inasmuch as it has been communicated. And so it is wholly true according to [God's] intention, as being known through means of the Son. And in one aspect it is eternal, and in another it becomes useful in time. Partly it is one and the same, partly many and indifferent—partly without any movement of passion, partly with passionate desire—partly perfect, partly incomplete.

This wisdom, then—rectitude of soul and of reason, and purity of life—is the object of the desire of philosophy, which is kindly and lovingly disposed towards wisdom, and does everything to attain it...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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Oh, and who is *he* (supposed to be)? Why, that is Dracula, *Jr*.

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Whether Bram Stoker knew of real life criminal spirit people or not (though, for myself, I can't but help take for granted that he did), this passage from *Dracula* gives a very good illustration of the sort of technique someone like the ghoulish magician would use to deceive and, at the same time, torment someone one; insofar as the victim is played with and cannot reasonably conclude what *necessarily* is the cause of what is perplexing and or mystifying him.

#### "CHAPTER IV

##### "JONATHAN HARKER'S JOURNAL—continued

"I AWOKE in my own bed. If it be that I had not dreamt, the Count must have carried me here. I tried to satisfy myself on the subject, but could not arrive at any unquestionable result. To be sure, there were certain small evidences, such as that my clothes were folded and laid by in a manner which was not my habit. My watch was still unwound, and I am rigorously accustomed to wind it the last thing before going to bed, and many such details. But these things are no proof, for they may have been evidences that my mind was not as usual, and, from some cause or another, I had certainly been much upset. I must watch for proof. Of one thing I am glad: if it was that the Count carried me here and undressed me, he must have been hurried in his task, for my pockets are intact. I am sure this diary would have been a mystery to him which he would not have brooked. He would have taken or destroyed it. As I look round this room, although it has been to me so full of fear, it is now a sort of sanctuary, for nothing can be more dreadful than those awful women, who were—who are—waiting to suck my blood..."

Though I myself don't write much at this website as I used to, and for reasons I have stated before, I nevertheless would otherwise urge and recommend those interested and concerned about the subject -- and better situated than myself -- to attempt to get a better idea of the psychology and reasoning of criminal spirit people, specifically those who are in effect professional criminals. One thing that I have come to marvel at is their often supreme arrogance and confidence in themselves, and the idea that they themselves somehow are or else work for someone of highest authority. And yet what is this supposed authority based on?

If you are a thinking person and have dealt with these kind of people long enough, you come to learn that they do not attempt to deal fairly or candidly, there is no attempt at honest, above board negotiation when endeavoring to get at what they want or otherwise attempt to resolve a disagreement. What they essentially do is say you will do this as I want, and if not then I will do such and such. This they might attempt to mollify by throwing you a bone or do or seem to do you a favor, but otherwise that is how they operate. Based on this I am inclined to conclude that one of the possible reasons for their sense of grandiose self-importance has its origins in and on a situation that arose in something like this fashion.

"Ages" ago their beloved leader, call or name him what you will, reasoned thusly, saying "Now God, I am going to murder and torture such and such persons. If you do not prevent me, then I will have to assume it is all right for me to do this." God did not prevent him. Therefore, it must follow, he reasons, that he is divinely authorized and licensed to act as he does. Again, an interpretation of this kind seems likely based on and consistent with my own observations of and dealings with these people.

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The origins of Celtic Christianity and spirituality by Father Seán ÓLaoire, PhD -- particularly for my Irish friends, relatives, and others of faith who still see value in growing.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9VO11IDODM>

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[ch. 3]

...And some say that plagues, and hail-storms, and tempests, and the like, are wont to take place, not alone in consequence of material disturbance, but also through anger of demons and bad angels. For instance, they say that the Magi at Cleone, watching the phenomena of the skies, when the clouds are about to discharge hail, avert the threatening of wrath by incantations and sacrifices. And if at any time there is the want of an animal, they are satisfied with bleeding their own finger for a sacrifice. The prophetess Diotima, by the Athenians offering sacrifice previous to the pestilence, effected a delay of the plague for ten years. The sacrifices, too, of Epimenides of Crete, put off the Persian war for an equal period. And it is considered to be all the same whether we call these spirits gods or angels. And those skilled in the matter of consecrating statues, in many of the temples have erected tombs of the dead, calling the souls of these Daemons, and teaching them to be worshipped by men; as having, in consequence of the purity of their life, by the divine foreknowledge, received the power of wandering about the space around the earth in order to minister to men. For they knew that some souls were by nature kept in the body. But of these, as the work proceeds, in the treatise on the angels, we shall discourse...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 4.

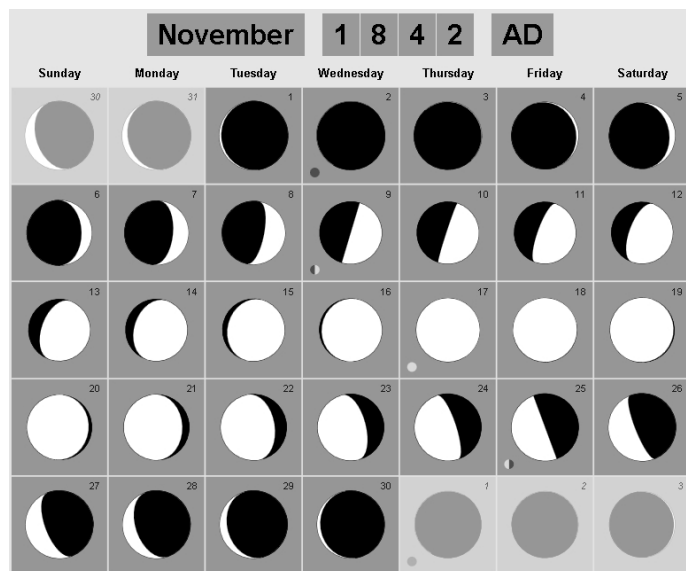
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[ch. 2]

...From Pythagoras Plato derived the immortality of the soul; and he from the Egyptians. And many of the Platonists composed books, in which they show that the Stoics, as we said in the beginning, and Aristotle, took the most and principal of their dogmas from Plato. Epicurus also pilfered his leading dogmas from Democritus. Let these things then be so. For life would fail me, were I to undertake to go over the subject in detail, to expose the selfish plagiarism of the Greeks, and how they claim the discovery of the best of their doctrines, which they have received from us...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 4.

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For those who might be interested, a *major* update, including much needed corrections, to my "Proposed Solution to the Somers Mutiny Tragedy." (Note. *Continental Army Series*, vol. 2, where it is also contained has been likewise updated), see:

<https://archive.org/details/AProposedSolutionToTheSomersMutinyTragedy>

~or~

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/109460094/A-Proposed-Solution-to-the-Somers-Mutiny-Tragedy>

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[ch. 14]

...Now the Stoics say that God, like the soul, is essentially body and spirit. You will find all this explicitly in their writings. Do not consider at present their allegories as the gnostic truth presents them; whether they show one thing and mean another, like the dexterous athletes. Well, they say that God pervades all being; while we call Him solely Maker, and Maker by the Word. They were misled by what is said in the book of Wisdom: "He pervades and passes through all by reason of His purity;" [Wisdom 7:24] since they did not understand that this was said of Wisdom, which was the first of the creation of God.

So be it, they say. But the philosophers, the Stoics, and Plato, and Pythagoras, nay more, Aristotle the Peripatetic, suppose the existence of matter among the first principles; and not one first principle. Let them then know that what is called matter by them, is said by them to be without quality, and without form, and more daringly said by Plato to be non-existence. And does he not say very mystically, knowing that the true and real first cause is one, in these very words: "Now, then, let our opinion be so. As to the first principle or principles of the universe, or what opinion we ought to entertain about all these points, we are not now to speak, for no other cause than on account of its being difficult to explain our sentiments in accordance with the present form of discourse." But undoubtedly that prophetic expression, "Now the earth was invisible and formless," supplied them with the ground of material essence...

...And how? Is it not similar to Scripture when it says, "Let us remove the righteous man from us, because he is troublesome to us?" [Wisdom 2:12] when Plato, all but predicting the economy of salvation, says in the second book of the Republic as follows: "Thus he who is constituted just shall be scourged, shall be stretched on the rack, shall be bound, have his eyes put out; and at last, having suffered all evils, shall be crucified."

And the Socratic Antisthenes, paraphrasing that prophetic utterance, "To whom have you likened me? Says the Lord," says that "God is like no one; wherefore no one can come to the knowledge of Him from an image."...

...We are not, then, to think of God according to the opinion of the multitude...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 5.

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[ch. 11]

...It is not then without reason that in the mysteries that obtain among the Greeks, lustrations hold the first place; as also the laver among the Barbarians. After these are the minor mysteries, which have some foundation of instruction and of preliminary preparation for what is to come after; and the great mysteries, in which nothing remains to be learned of the universe, but only to contemplate and comprehend nature and things.

We shall understand the mode of purification by confession, and that of contemplation by analysis, advancing by analysis to the first notion, beginning with the properties underlying it; abstracting from the body its physical properties, taking away the dimension of depth, then that of breadth, and then that of length. For the point which remains is a unit, so to speak, having position; from which if we abstract position, there is the conception of unity.

If, then, abstracting all that belongs to bodies and things called incorporeal, we cast ourselves into the greatness of Christ, and thence advance into immensity by holiness, we may reach somehow to the conception of the Almighty, knowing not what He is, but what He is not. And form and motion, or standing, or a throne, or place, or right hand or left, are not at all to be conceived as belonging to the Father of the universe, although it is so written. But what each of these means will be shown in its proper place. The First Cause is not then in space, but above both space, and time, and name, and conception...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 5.

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Historical documentaries of recent decades tend generally to be notorious for their loud, thundering, inept use of music, and badly acted, unconvincing, and inaccurate dramatizations; all of which would vastly improve, if not necessarily salvage, the given program if omitted entirely. Yet just the other day I happened to catch this (on YouTube), about Pres. James Garfield assassin Charles Guiteau, where such was not the case; indeed so much so that the actor portraying Guiteau deserves, in my opinion, an Oscar or something like for his performance.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY06mNrKVTU>

["Charles Guiteau Murdered President Garfield"] The YouTube description of which reads:

"Published on Nov 29, 2015

"My company made this for the PBS series, American Experience. It was a documentary experiment combining a true account of the story with almost complete reenactments. The director, Rocky Collins, attempted to create a style that fit the slower sense of time back then. I think that he, and we, succeeded. But it wasn't very popular on television..."

Prior to watching, I did not know very much beyond the most basic facts about either Garfield or Guiteau, but having now informed myself better, it seems to me safe to conclude that Guiteau was or may have been under the influence of some criminal spirit person, and to what greater or lesser degree naturally remaining to be determined. Of interest also is that Guiteau -- both historically and as portrayed in this documentary, and which are not (in fairness) quite or exactly the same thing -- bears a resemblance to the ghoulish magician; evincing a certain high intelligence, casual cold bloodedness, a sometimes undeniable truthfulness, megalomania, lack of self-esteem, and obvious lunacy. Though I would not want to overstate the point or speak of a mirror image, the likeness in certain points is nonetheless striking and certainly helpful.

Looking further into Guiteau, I found he wrote a number of published works, including *The Truth, and The Removal* (1882), two separate but in this publication combined writings, and which is available in .pdf at:

See: <https://archive.org/details/truthremoval1882guit>

At pages 61 and 62, in a section entitled "HADES AND THE FINAL JUDGMENT," Guiteau makes the following intriguing remarks and which may at least in some part, and despite his own lack of credibility in other respects, turn out to be correct:

"What kind of a place is Hades? We answer, Hades is the resting-place of the dead. It is the place where the dead (both righteous and wicked) await their final disposition, the righteous being detained for heaven, and the wicked for eternal punishment.

"The Bible characterizes the inhabitants of Hades as in a state of *sleep* (Dan., xii, 2; I Cor., xv, 51,) but they are not in a state of absolute unconsciousness. They are simply withdrawn from the world of sense, like a person in ordinary slumber. They are in the soul of the universe instead of the *body*. Their operation on the surface ceases at death. Their sleep is opposed to the visible activity of this world, and also to the perfect activity of the resurrection world. After Christ's crucifixion He remained in Hades three days, and then He ascended to the Father. Before He ascended He appeared to His disciples and said, 'All power is given to me, in heaven and on earth,' i. e., He entered upon a career of activity in both worlds. The saints in Hades sleep until their resurrection, when they, too, will be active in both worlds. The 'saints' are said to 'sleep in the dust of the earth,' because *their* abode is not in heaven, but in Hades; i.e., until their resurrection.

"Hades and mortality (i.e., this world) may be compared to two apartments on the same floor of a house. Heaven, or God's home, is the floor above. The resurrection is a transit to God's home. It is not a transit from one apartment to another. Enoch and Elijah passed into Hades by translation. And Lazarus returned from Hades at the call of Christ. Christ ascended out of Hades at the call of God. This same mighty power will at last draw 'all men to Christ,' (John, xii, 32,) the righteous as well as the wicked. The dead, small and great, must stand before God. The *Paradise of Hades* is not the final abode of the righteous. They are to be brought up for judgment and then pass into the kingdom of the Father. Hades is not the final abode of the wicked. They, too, must appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, and then pass into the lake of fire which burns for ever and ever. (Rev., XX, 10-15 ; and xxi, 8.)"

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Although, aside from the Church Fathers extracts, I don't usually much post at this website as I did in the past, I do regularly take down notes of ideas or thoughts that come to me as self reminders and or for possible future use. The following, for fun or for your possible interest, then are some of those jottings, presented randomly; make of them what you will or as you like.

\* Is there any difference between holiness and a good moral character? In what way are they the same? In what ways are they possibly different?

\* Fable of the ant and the grasshopper, but with this twist. The grasshopper breaks into the ant's bungalow, beats him up, and steals his hard won and carefully gathered food.

\* A disease you won't combat will make you its slave.

\* Despite what you may at times think, you are not THE One.

\* Is there hope for the moral and rational improvement of society, and if so in what does it lie?

\* We attempt to conceptualize God based on various ideas, conceptions and even mere perceptions and sensations, yet these must be highly subjective owing to His (for most of us) incomprehensible nature and scope. Even so, it is well to remember that subjective doesn't necessarily imply false. It merely means not objective or not yet objective.

\* The healing in a lifetime's span is like one of many nights of sleep for a sick person (i.e., humanity) on the road to recovery.

\* Is there not, after all, someone somewhere who can give you whatever you need or fix whatever needs to be fixed? If so, who is it that is separating you from them?

\* Why may not thoughts and emotions be measured in distances (as well as in time?)

\* Can an agnostic or atheist venerate or hold anything sacred? If so, on what basis? If not, what is their love really worth?

\* So you say, and that may well be true in hooligan land. But not in this country.

\* Everything you have forgotten somewhere still exists.

\* Criminal spirit persons operate on the principle of making people stupid in order to turn them into more or less obedient slaves. One way to of doing this is by having them offer human or animal sacrifices. Betray someone and offer up a sacrifice of the innocent and you and your friends can have family, status, money, respectability, etc.

\* A person obsessed and preoccupied with revenge is his own worst enemy, and this makes him comical. But why should he care at being laughed, as long as it gets him attention!

\* That a spirit person is technologically or in some method superior to you does not prove them a god.

\* He who solely gets his culture from the mass media eats out of a trough.

\* As frequently (or more) as the common cold will arise, so will a serious devil.

\* Once again the devil has come among us, and once again he is the last blamed.

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[ch. 3]

...The righteous man will seek the discovery that flows from love, to which if he hastes he prospers. For it is said, “To him that knocks, it shall be opened: ask, and it shall be given to you.” [Matthew 7:7] “For the violent that storm the kingdom” [Matthew 11:12] are not so in disputatious speeches; but by continuance in a right life and unceasing prayers, are said “to take it by force,” wiping away the blots left by their previous sins.

“You may obtain wickedness, even in great abundance.  
And him who toils God helps;  
For the gifts of the Muses, hard to win,  
Lie not before you, for any one to bear away.”...

...“Many rod-bearers there are, but few Bacchi,” according to Plato. “For many are called, but few chosen.” [Matthew 20:16]  
“Knowledge is not in all,” [1 Corinthians 8:7] says the apostle. “And pray that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.” [2 Thessalonians 3:1-2] And the Poetics of Cleanthes, the Stoic, writes to the following effect:—

“Look not to glory, wishing to be suddenly wise,  
And fear not the undiscerning and rash opinion of the many;  
For the multitude has not an intelligent, or wise, or right judgment,  
And it is in few men that you will find this.”...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 5.

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[ch. 1]

...Now neither is knowledge without faith, nor faith without knowledge. Nor is the Father without the Son; for the Son is with the Father. And the Son is the true teacher respecting the Father; and that we may believe in the Son, we must know the Father, with whom also is the Son. Again, in order that we may know the Father, we must believe in the Son, that it is the Son of God who teaches; for from faith to knowledge by the Son is the Father. And the knowledge of the Son and Father, which is according to the gnostic rule— that which in reality is gnostic— is the attainment and comprehension of the truth by the truth...

...Wherefore also the apostle exhorts, “that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men,” who profess to persuade, “but in the power of God,” [1 Corinthians 2:5] which alone without proofs, by mere faith, is able to save...

...And purity is “to think holy thoughts.” “Unless you become as these little children, you shall not enter,” it is said, “into the kingdom of heaven.” For there the temple of God is seen established on three foundations— faith, hope, and love...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 5.

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[ch. 26]

Those, then, who run down created existence and vilify the body are wrong; not considering that the frame of man was formed erect for the contemplation of heaven, and that the organization of the senses tends to knowledge; and that the members and parts are

arranged for good, not for pleasure. Whence this abode becomes receptive of the soul which is most precious to God; and is dignified with the Holy Spirit through the sanctification of soul and body, perfected with the perfection of the Saviour...

...Euripides accordingly says, "Golden wings are round my back, and I am shod with the winged sandals of the Sirens; and I shall go aloft into the wide ether, to hold converse with Zeus."

But I shall pray the Spirit of Christ to wing me to my Jerusalem. For the Stoics say that heaven is properly a city, but places here on earth are not cities; for they are called so, but are not. For a city is an important thing, and the people a decorous body, and a multitude of men regulated by law as the church by the word—a city on earth impregnable— free from tyranny; a product of the divine will on earth as in heaven. Images of this city the poets create with their pen. For the Hyperboreans, and the Arimasbian cities, and the Elysian plains, are commonwealths of just men. And we know Plato's city placed as a pattern in heaven.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 4.

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Beach party goes pre-hippie, goes cold war, goes rock and roll in this 60s Jonathan Daly time-capsule, summer comedy: short on good jokes but long on personality and, in retrospect, life philosophy.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t98TmUvDtM&t=1653s>

["Out of Sight 1966" -- complete film]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y55RRkyDEfA>

["Justin Hayward - It's Cold Outside of Your Heart Atlanta 8-17-2013 MVI 1262"]

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For my part, if had I somehow the power to identify and choose who God is and adequately would qualify as God, I would say he must be someone who would willingly give his life to save others, and, by the same token, anyone who would refuse to do this couldn't possibly be or resemble God. As well I would say God must be willing and powerful enough to stand up for all the weakest, poorest, voiceless and most disenfranchised, and, if it came to that, against any and all other powers that exist. Finally, God must be rationally honest and truthful; since for obvious reasons a coward, liar or hypocrite won't do.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57RrQgURHJk>

["Roger Scruton on time, death, and eternity"]

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[ch. 25]

"Happy he who possesses the culture of knowledge, and is not moved to the injury of the citizens or to wrong actions, but contemplates the undecaying order of immortal nature, how and in what way and manner it subsists. To such the practice of base deeds attaches not." Rightly, then, Plato says, "that the man who devotes himself to the contemplation of ideas will live as a god among men; now the mind is the place of ideas, and God is mind." He says that he who contemplates the unseen God lives as a god among men. And in the Sophist, Socrates calls the stranger of Elea, who was a dialectician, "god:"....

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 4.

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Cave paintings from 30,000 years ago reveal that cave man life was far more sophisticated and developed than we might think. However, it is only prudent not to attempt or assume too conclusive a picture of what Cro-magnon people were like; as the evidence is overall extremely scanty and could in a given instance be very misleading. This said, it is sobering to think that if you go back 50-55,000 years (i.e., one rough estimate of when fire began to be harnessed) that in only the last (approximately) 7,000 years do we begin to have something like a properly verifiable and conscious historical record. Which would be about as much as if to say you were someone 50 years old and could only remember the last 7 years of your life.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5Penz5iYek>

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A hypocrite is someone acts as though they really care about something (e.g., God, patriotism, excellence, being funny, quality movies, whatever), but who don't really, and are rather concerned mostly about appearances, cutting a figure, and winning people's approval; indeed will resort to serious crime and violence if they don't effect these things. Take *these* strange characters for instance. Many, many years ago, they declared all out war on me because I ignored them and or did not live up to their standards. Yet, even to this day (and though naturally I have my suspicions), I don't even or explicitly know who these people are, nor will they let me know. But it is no use my going to the police; since the police like and prefer them (who have money) and don't like me (who doesn't.)

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Willy Fu: "I accede to honorable request of thugs."  
~ "Shadow of Chinatown" (1936) starring Bela Lugosi

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[ch. 23]

...Accordingly that Pythagorean saying was mystically uttered respecting us, "that man ought to become one;" for the high priest himself is one, God being one in the immutable state of the perpetual flow of good things. Now the Saviour has taken away wrath in and with lust, wrath being lust of vengeance. For universally liability to feeling belongs to every kind of desire; and man, when deified purely into a passionless state, becomes a unit. As, then, those, who at sea are held by an anchor, pull at the anchor, but do not drag it to them, but drag themselves to the anchor; so those who, according to the gnostic life, draw God towards them, imperceptibly bring themselves to God: for he who reverences God, reverences himself. In the contemplative life, then, one in worshipping God attends to himself, and through his own spotless purification beholds the holy God holily; for self-control, being present, surveying and contemplating itself uninterruptedly, is as far as possible assimilated to God.  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 4.

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"Jerry [i.e., Jerry Bruckheimer of the spirit world/realm] needs our help everyone! So keep doing the wrong thing!"

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How came such and such civilization to perish? It seems very plausible and probable to me that in a given instance and what may have happen is that a group of criminal spirit people made their home that culture's midst, not unlike a disease making a home for itself in a host. The host unable and or unwilling to eject the disease then ended up being destroyed by it.

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Though the worst of offenders, he sees himself as the one most entitled to punish sin.

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[ch. 22]

... For the exertion of the intellect by exercise is prolonged to a perpetual exertion. And the perpetual exertion of the intellect is the essence of an intelligent being, which results from an uninterrupted process of admixture, and remains eternal contemplation, a living substance. Could we, then, suppose any one proposing to the Gnostic whether he would choose the knowledge of God or everlasting



salvation; and if these, which are entirely identical, were separable, he would without the least hesitation choose the knowledge of God, deeming that property of faith, which from love ascends to knowledge, desirable, for its own sake. This, then, is the perfect man's first form of doing good, when it is done not for any advantage in what pertains to him, but because he judges it right to do good; and the energy being vigorously exerted in all things, in the very act becomes good; not, good in some things, and not good in others; but consisting in the habit of doing good, neither for glory, nor, as the philosophers say, for reputation, nor from reward either from men or God; but so as to pass life after the image and likeness of the Lord.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKityhJZDV0>

["Mozart - Requiem - Rex tremendae" - La Chappelle Royale Collegium Vocale, Orchestre des Champs Elysees, Phillippe Herreweghe]

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[ch. 15]

...And especially is it incumbent on those entrusted with such a dispensation to exhibit to disciples a pure example. "For though I be free from all men, I have made myself servant to all," it is said, "that I might gain all. And every one that strives for mastery is temperate in all things." [1 Corinthians 9:19-25] "But the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." [1 Corinthians 10:26]...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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After all that has transpired, it easy to forget how originally the Vietnam war was in the minds of many a moral crusade to help the poor, innocent, and (by the admission of some of the Vietnamese themselves) naive people of Southeast Asia. But like the Trojan War, not everyone who ended up being drawn into the conflict ever really cared about the justness of the cause to begin with, and it was these latter ironically, not the former, who ended up largely determining the purpose of and how the war ended up actually being fought.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOKEhOr0xw4&t=1533s>

["Special Forces: The Hidden War in Vietnam 1963 US Army; James Arness; The Big Picture TV-562 "]

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One of those things that, in the grand scheme of things, is worth a billion dollars (and more) but which can be had for nothing.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVKpvD3X6EM>

["Mozart - Piano concerto No 21, Elvira Madigan - Best-of Classical Music"]

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[ch. 14]

How great also is benignity! "Love your enemies," it is said, "bless them who curse you, and pray for them who despitefully use you," [Matthew 5:44-45] and the like; to which it is added, "that you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven," in allusion to resemblance to God. Again, it is said, "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him." [Matthew 5:25] The adversary is not the body, as some would have it, but the devil, and those assimilated to him, who walks along with us in the person of men, who emulate his deeds in this earthly life. It is inevitable, then, that those who confess themselves to belong to Christ, but find themselves in the midst of the devil's works, suffer the most hostile treatment. For it is written, "Lest he deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officers of Satan's kingdom." "For I am persuaded that neither death," through the assault of persecutors, "nor life" in this world, "nor angels," the apostate ones, "nor powers" (and Satan's power is the life which he chose, for such are the powers and principalities of darkness belonging to him), "nor things present," amid which we exist during the time of life, as the hope entertained by the soldier, and the merchant's gain, "nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature," in consequence of the energy proper to a man—opposes the faith of him who acts according to free choice...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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I saw Klaus Kirschner's "[Mozart: A Childhood Chronicle](#)" (1974) at a University of Washington screening back in the 1980s; when just the other day I rediscovered it on YouTube, in 8 part installments. A superb film if you love Mozart, classical music, and authentic, honest to God cinema. (The opening credits here are a bit jittery, so if you watch you will want to fast forward a bit.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJTVvLOUVLQ>

["Mozart: A Childhood Chronicle (Part 1)"]

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Wonderful Anglo-Saxon narrative (from the Exeter Book) of an early English saint's war and confrontation with devils. Beautiful stuff!

See: <https://anglosaxonpoetry.camden.rutgers.edu/guthlac-a/>

["Guthlac A: The Life and Trials of St. Guthlac of Crowland"]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WGwswl72O0>

["Pugnani-Kreisler Violin Guido Rimonda (Italy), Orchestra Camerata Ducale" – from 2004]

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[ch. 13]

...But we say that the things of the world are not our own, not as if they were monstrous, not as if they did not belong to God, the Lord of the universe, but because we do not continue among them for ever; being, in respect of possession, not ours, and passing from one to another in succession; but belonging to us, for whom they were made in respect of use, so long as it is necessary to continue with them. In accordance, therefore, with natural appetite, things disallowed are to be used rightly, avoiding all excess and inordinate affection.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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[ch. 11]

But, say they, if God cares for you, why are you persecuted and put to death? Has He delivered you to this? No, we do not suppose that the Lord wishes us to be involved in calamities, but that He foretold prophetically what would happen— that we should be persecuted for His name's sake, slaughtered, and impaled. So that it was not that He wished us to be persecuted, but He intimated beforehand what we shall suffer by the prediction of what would take place, training us to endurance, to which He promised the inheritance, although we are punished not alone, but along with many. But those, it is said, being malefactors, are righteously punished. Accordingly, they unwillingly bear testimony to our righteousness, we being unjustly punished for righteousness' sake. But the injustice of the judge does not affect the providence of God. For the judge must be master of his own opinion— not pulled by strings, like inanimate machines, set in motion only by external causes. Accordingly he is judged in respect to his judgment, as we also, in accordance with our choice of things desirable, and our endurance. Although we do not wrong, yet the judge looks on us as doing wrong, for he neither knows nor wishes to know about us, but is influenced by unwarranted prejudice; wherefore also he is judged. Accordingly they persecute us, not from the supposition that we are wrong-doers, but imagining that by the very fact of our being Christians we sin against life in so conducting ourselves, and exhorting others to adopt the like life.

But why are you not helped when persecuted? Say they. What wrong is done us, as far as we are concerned, in being released by death to go to the Lord, and so undergoing a change of life, as if a change from one time of life to another? Did we think rightly, we should feel obliged to those who have afforded the means for speedy departure, if it is for love that we bear witness; and if not, we should appear to the multitude to be base men. Had they also known the truth, all would have bounded on to the way, and there would have been no choice. But our faith, being the light of the world, reproves unbelief. "Should Anytus and Melitus kill me, they will not hurt me in the least; for I do not think it right for the better to be hurt by the worse," [says Socrates]. So that each one of us may with confidence say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: what shall man do to me?" "For the souls of the righteous are in the hand of the Lord, and no plague shall touch them."

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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Well, that's life!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGOSnpXKsfQ>

["Concluding scene from "Night of the Ghoul" (1975)"]

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As a follow up to my earlier post regarding downloading and transferring films to DVD, I wanted to add that among the very worthwhile videos to get from YouTube are full length operas. I myself prefer operas from the Renaissance, Baroque era and 18th century -- especially when they are done, including costumes and staging, in (or largely in) an authentic and historical manner. The modern world is "too much with us" as it is, so why then do people want to see it built into one of these very old operas; when instead their imagination can be whisked away, as if via a time machine, into the enchanted, colorful and amusing theater of the past? At any rate, that's how I feel, and strongly, about it. Below are a small, sampling few then, and good productions of, on YouTube that are just my sort of cup of tea in this respect, and which for anyone interested I would recommend:

\* "L'Orfeo" by Monteverdi, Nikolaus Harnoncourt version.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcRFFmgVGlc>

\* "Dido and Aeneas" by Henry Purcell (San Francisco School Of The Arts)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yp0InAwamA>

*Note.* Nothing *so* very fancy here as far as production goes and compared to these others, but audibly serviceable. I had chosen another YT version of this fun opera, but within just the past day it was taken down.

\* "Rinaldo" by Handel (Pier Luigi Pizzi)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_uUympHwJw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_uUympHwJw)

\* "Orfeo ed Euridice" by Gluck, It vers. (Bejun Mehta, Eva Liebau, Václav Luks 2013)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mTydAUQyYg>

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[ch. 7]

The Indian sages say to Alexander of Macedon: "You transport men's bodies from place to place. But you shall not force our souls to do what we do not wish. Fire is to men the greatest torture, this we despise." Hence Heraclitus preferred one thing, glory, to all else; and professes "that he allows the crowd to stuff themselves to satiety like cattle."

"For on account of the body are many toils,  
For it we have invented a roofed house,  
And discovered how to dig up silver, and sow the land,  
And all the rest which we know by names."

To the multitude, then, this vain labour is desirable. But to us the apostle says, "Now we know this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." [Romans 6:6] Does not the apostle then plainly add the following, to show the contempt for faith in the case of the multitude? "For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as appointed to death: we are made a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. Up to this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are beaten, and are feeble, and labour, working with our hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat; we have become as it were the offscourings of the world." Such also are the words of Plato in the Republic: "The just man, though stretched on the rack, though his eyes are dug out, will be happy." The Gnostic will never then have the chief end placed in life, but in being always happy and blessed, and a kingly friend of God. Although visited with ignominy and exile, and confiscation, and above all, death, he will never be wrenched from his freedom, and signal love to God. "The charity which bears all things, endures all things," [1 Corinthians 13:7] is assured that Divine Providence orders all things well. "I exhort you," therefore it is said, "Be followers of me." The first step to salvation is the instruction accompanied with fear, in consequence of which we abstain from what is wrong; and the second is hope, by reason of which we desire the best things; but love, as is fitting, perfects, by training now according to knowledge. For the Greeks, I know not how, attributing events to unreasoning necessity, own that they yield to them unwillingly...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 4.

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Good news! Having waited so long, indeed for years now and for the most part, not finding them on YouTube, I thought I would never again see those wonderful old Bible related films from the 50s and early 60s that they used to (way back when) show on tv on, say, Easter morning. But just within the past week, I finally see them on YouTube. Here is a partial list of some I came across:

"Joseph & His Brethren" (1962)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2dM\\_kW-SOI&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2dM_kW-SOI&t=3s)

"Day of Triumph" (1954) with Lee J. Cobb  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIBc3PoUM1k&t=1980s>

"The Power of the Resurrection" (1958) with Richard Kiley  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EhateyvdY8&t=1570s>

"I Beheld His Glory" (1953)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln\\_W4TYftU4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln_W4TYftU4)

"The Life of St. Paul" (1938)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7Blas88cL4>

Now if only someone would upload or otherwise make available the Paulist Fathers tv series "Insight"!

Also, by the way and if you aren't already aware, there is a convenient and very easy way to download and transfer public domain films from YouTube or Internet Archive and then transfer them to DVD playable disks. There are different ways to do this, but the method I employ utilizes the following:

1. Freemake Video downloader premium

[http://www.freemake.com/free\\_video\\_downloader/](http://www.freemake.com/free_video_downloader/)

Note. MP4 is a good format to go with when choosing.

2. Wondershare DVD creator

<http://dvdmaker.co/index.html>

3. Blank DVD-R disks available at local department and drug stores.

Although certainly most helpful if you have it, no special, high-tech expertise is required for this; just read some simple instructions and or follow tutorial videos on YouTube. For the cost of something like \$50.00, plus the expense of blank disks, you can built up a large movie library -- including your very own collection of obscure Bela Lugosi and (for that matter) 1930s films generally, Gordon Mitchell sword and sandal, he-man pictures, and much, much more! -- in relatively no time. Some videos may be too large to fit on a single DVD; in which case you will need an editor to cut the big file down into more manageable sizes. An editor is built into the Wondershare DVD creator, but I myself use a different program for that purpose.

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*What will you never see a C-SPAN lecture or symposium on?*

MKULTRA.

*What will you never see a soberly scientific and impartial documentary done about?*

Borley Rectory.

(Hopefully the above will ultimately prove mistaken, but as it stands that is actually how it is.)

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[ch. 7]

...“He that sows to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”  
[Galatians 6:8]

But to those miserable men, witness to the Lord by blood seems a most violent death, not knowing that such a gate of death is the beginning of the true life; and they will understand neither the honours after death, which belong to those who have lived holily, nor the punishments of those who have lived unrighteously and impurely. I do not say only from our Scriptures (for almost all the commandments indicate them); but they will not even hear their own discourses. For the Pythagorean Theano writes, “Life were indeed a feast to the wicked, who, having done evil, then die; were not the soul immortal, death would be a godsend.” And Plato in the Phaedo, “For if death were release from everything,” and so forth. We are not then to think according to the Telephus of Aeschylus, “that a single path leads to Hades.” The ways are many, and the sins that lead there. Such deeply erring ones as the unfaithful are, Aristophanes properly makes the subjects of comedy. “Come,” he says, “you men of obscure life, you that are like the race of leaves, feeble, wax figures, shadowy tribes, evanescent, fleeting, ephemeral.” And Epicharmus, “This nature of men is inflated skins.” And the Saviour has said to us, “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” [Matthew 26:41] “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God,” explains the apostle: “for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed, can be. And they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” And in further explanation continues, that no one may, like Marcion, regard the creature as evil. “But if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” And again: “For if you live after the flesh, you shall die”...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [The Stromata](#), Book 4.

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At last (for me anyway) -- something like the REAL story of how the United States became so heavily involved in Vietnam (an absolute must for JFK assn. researchers; who if they are not already familiar with what is covered here, risk making serious fools of themselves.) Though two hours long, this C-SPAN broadcast is worth watching to the very end.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?316196-1/vietnam-1963>

[“November 8, 2013: Vietnam 1963 Four Vietnam War historians talked about the events of 1963, a year many consider pivotal to the conflict. They discussed the political atmosphere in South Vietnam, the country’s changing relationship with the United States, and the uncertain future of the conflict during that year, which culminated in a military coup and the assassination of President Diem in November 1963. The panel “Vietnam 1963: Revision and Reassessment” was hosted by the New York Military Affairs Symposium.”]

See also:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqoiCjONUu0>

["Madame Nhu - Trần Lệ Xuân Trả Lời Phỏng Vấn 1982" – 1982 WGBH interview with former South Vietnam First Lady]

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[ch. 5]

...And is there not some light thrown here on the expression “in the likeness and image,” in the fact that some live according to the likeness of Christ, while those who stand on the left hand live according to their image? There are then two things proceeding from the truth, one root lying beneath both—the choice being, however, not equal, or rather the difference that is in the choice not being equal. To choose by way of imitation differs, as appears to me, from the choice of him who chooses according to knowledge, as that which is set on fire differs from that which is illuminated. Israel, then, is the light of the likeness which is according to the Scripture. But the image is another thing...

[ch. 6]

...And, “Blessed are you when men shall hate you, when they shall separate you, when they shall cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake;” [Luke 6:22] if we do not detest our persecutors, and undergo punishments at their hands, not hating them under the idea that we have been put to trial more tardily than we looked for; but knowing this also, that every instance of trial is an occasion for testifying.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 4.

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As I have stated here before, for the past few years I have for the most part (aside from weekly quote extracts from the Church Fathers) stopped posting at this website and in light of getting virtually no response regarding anything I write. On the other hand, when I feel a compelling point or an especially important thought or piece of information I think ought to be imparted, I sometimes make an exception.

Yesterday I was reminded of the film “Salem’s Lot” (1979) that I saw many years ago, and when it comes to scary films it is pretty effective; though when it comes to horror films, I usually prefer the old Universal, Hammer, and Roger Corman Gothic melodramas as more enjoyable entertainment. The following is a clip from “Salem’s Lot” that one could actually write a good deal of commentary on, whether from a cinematic, sociological-historical, or criminal spirit people perspective.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDULrVSS0Tk>

["Face The Master - SALEM'S LOT (1979)" - vampire with James Mason attack family and priest in kitchen scene]

Though owing to the aforesaid reason I myself don't feel the desire to say all that much, a few things are worth mentioning.

1. Note the dream like quality of the scene, and yes certain adept criminal spirit people could recreate something essentially similar for purposes of a "dream production."

2. We know some people will be frightened just watching a film. And yet imagine how paralyzed some people would be encountering such an experience in real life or a dream; not least of which and even many supposedly macho types who are brash with their bravado (say, for example in a military context.) Granting the premise, how many people do you think could put up a fight against terrorism like this? And yet if it is some deranged Arab or domestic malcontent (say), then they stand tall in the front rank of our nation's heroes. Note also how in many fiction stories and films of the 19th and 20th century the reality of criminal spirit people or a malevolent supernatural is routinely dismissed by supposedly enlightened and scientific people as *necessarily* "hogwash" or "rubbish" -- a movie formula not so unlike how whenever a gun (in such stories) is pointed you must *necessarily* and mechanically throw up your hands and surrender, as if there is no other possible alternative.

3. Observe how the superstitious priest is utterly helpless against real violence. What sort of effect will this approach have on irrational, completely childish, and feeble minded people, and who in a given instance may have material control and influence over the minds and everyday fate of millions?

4. Monster men like the SL vampire and James Mason's character, remember, don't go on scaring expeditions like this ordinarily. If something like this were to happen it would be because the time or season was right [Luke 22:53], and that it would serve a certain tactical or strategic advantage. Otherwise and again ordinarily they would prefer -- monsters want to be loved too -- to win you over with a carrot rather than a stick. And really they can't keep this terrorizing mentality up continually and forever. But, of course, if you insist on refusing the carrot....

5. Note the year of the film, 1979, and where the country and society had arrived at morally and psychologically at that time.

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In other matters very briefly...

For those interested in examining further the JFK Assassination, I just discovered the book *Reclaiming Parkland: Tom Hanks, Vincent Bugliosi, and the JFK Assassination in the New Hollywood* (2016 version!) by James Di Eugenio, and do most highly recommend.

Also I was puzzling over the question of how was it that actress Virginia Vestoff died so young, reportedly, of cancer in 1982; with no advance notice; with no trace or report of what happened to her remains. Very strange, and makes me wonder if it wasn't a suicide? But if suicide, for what reason?

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oogv7qah3ik>

["1776 ~ Compliments" -- scene from the 1972 film]

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[ch. 12]

And not only the Platonists, but the Stoics, say that assent is in our own power. All opinion then, and judgment, and supposition, and knowledge, by which we live and have perpetual intercourse with the human race, is an assent; which is nothing else than faith. And unbelief being defection from faith, shows both assent and faith to be possessed of power; for non-existence cannot be called privation. And if you consider the truth, you will find man naturally misled so as to give assent to what is false, though possessing the resources necessary for belief in the truth. "The virtue, then, that encloses the Church in its grasp," as the Shepherd [of Hermas] says, "is Faith, by which the elect of God are saved; and that which acts the man is Self-restraint. And these are followed by Simplicity, Knowledge, Innocence, Decorum, Love," and all these are the daughters of Faith. And again, "Faith leads the way, fear upbuilds, and love perfects." Accordingly he says, the Lord is to be feared in order to edification, but not the devil to destruction. And again, the works of the Lord— that is, His commandments— are to be loved and done; but the works of the devil are to be dreaded and not done. For the fear of God trains and restores to love; but the fear of the works of the devil has hatred dwelling along with it. The same also says "that repentance is high intelligence. For he that repents of what he did, no longer does or says as he did. But by torturing himself for his sins, he benefits his soul. Forgiveness of sins is therefore different from repentance; but both show what is in our power."

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 2.

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Mongolian soul music.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qx8hrhBZJ98>

["Tuvan Throat Singing"]

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MLrWgXAOyo>

["Batzorig Vaanchig - Morin Khuur"]

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Nero is a powerful, yet also brutal, emperor who aspires to be crowned most gifted of all the poets; even though his poetry, all in all, is not very good.

Marcus, Tibullus, and Rutillius are also poets, and indeed, they are very good ones. Yet if their work is allowed at the poetry competition, then Nero's poetry will all the more fall flat on the ears of both the judges and the audience at the competition.

What then might we expect will become of the poetry careers of Marcus, Tibullus, and Rutillius? And of poetry in general?

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[ch. 4]

Should one say that Knowledge is founded on demonstration by a process of reasoning, let him hear that first principles are incapable of demonstration; for they are known neither by art nor sagacity...

But the first cause of the universe was not previously known to the Greeks; neither, accordingly, to Thales, who came to the conclusion that water was the first cause; nor to the other natural philosophers who succeeded him, since it was Anaxagoras who was the first who assigned to Mind the supremacy over material things. But not even he preserved the dignity suited to the efficient cause, describing as he did certain silly vortices, together with the inertia and even foolishness of Mind. Wherefore also the Word says, "Call no man master on earth." [Matthew 23:9] For knowledge is a state of mind that results from demonstration; but faith is a grace which from what is indemonstrable conducts to what is universal and simple, what is neither with matter, nor matter, nor under matter...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 2.

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(Use close caption feature to bring up English subtitles)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1JBsvzgDwo>

["Princess Pearl 2 (3/48) [ENG SUB] Huan Zhu Ge Ge II - 还珠格格 (還珠格格) 第二部第03集 1999"]

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[ch. 2]

...For it is not many who understand such things as they fall in with; or know them even after learning them, though they think they do, according to the worthy Heraclitus. Does not even he seem to you to censure those who believe not? "Now my just one shall live by faith," [Habakkuk 2:4] the prophet said. And another prophet also says, "Unless you believe, neither shall you understand." [Isaiah 7:9] For how ever could the soul admit the transcendental contemplation of such themes, while unbelief respecting what was to be learned struggled within? But faith, which the Greeks disparage, deeming it futile and barbarous, is a voluntary preconception, the assent of piety— "the subject of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," according to the divine apostle. "For hereby," pre-eminently, "the elders obtained a good report. But without faith it is impossible to please God." Others have defined faith to be a uniting assent to an unseen object, as certainly the proof of an unknown thing is an evident assent. If then it be choice, being desirous of something, the desire is in this instance intellectual. And since choice is the beginning of action, faith is discovered to be the beginning of action, being the foundation of rational choice in the case of any one who exhibits to himself the previous demonstration through faith. Voluntarily to follow what is useful, is the first principle of understanding. Unswerving choice, then, gives considerable momentum in the direction of knowledge. The exercise of faith directly becomes knowledge, reposing on a sure foundation. Knowledge, accordingly, is defined by the sons of the philosophers as a habit, which cannot be overthrown by reason. Is there any other true condition such as this, except piety, of which alone the Word is teacher? I think not. Theophrastus says that sensation is the root of faith. For from it the rudimentary principles extend to the reason that is in us, and the understanding. He who believes then the divine Scriptures with sure judgment, receives in the voice of God, who bestowed the Scripture, a demonstration that cannot be impugned. Faith, then, is not established by demonstration. "Blessed therefore those who, not having seen, yet have believed."

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 2.

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[ch. 1]

...And, in my opinion, he who is solicitous about truth ought not to frame his language with artfulness and care, but only to try to express his meaning as he best can. For those who are particular about words, and devote their time to them, miss the things. It is a feat fit for the gardener to pluck without injury the rose that is growing among the thorns; and for the craftsman to find out the pearl buried in the oyster's flesh. And they say that fowls have flesh of the most agreeable quality, when, through not being supplied with abundance of food, they pick their sustenance with difficulty, scraping with their feet. If any one, then, speculating on what is similar, wants to arrive at the truth [that is] in the numerous Greek plausibilities, like the real face beneath masks, he will hunt it out with much pains. For the power that appeared in the vision to Hermas said, "Whatever may be revealed to you, shall be revealed."...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Stromata*, Book 2.

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Some will remember this (and what kid didn't want to win that treasure chest of toys?)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRLPW8RIUvE>

["WHDDH-TV "Bozo the Clown" 1966" - w/ Frank Avruch and co.]

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Greedy archeologist, played by Max Von Sydow, gets the Foreign Legion, to their surprise, into big trouble. Watching this again (I saw it at the movie theater in 1977) made me think that this is like an actual movie (unlike today and the last 20 years+ and the canned, predictable junk they generally put out calling it a movie.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eJgKHqWLal>

["MARCH OR DIE. Legionnaires and Bedouins. Final fight" – from the 1977 film with Gene Hackman]

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[ch. 17]

...For to take fever is involuntary; but when one takes fever through his own fault, from excess, we blame him. Inasmuch, then, as evil is involuntary—for no one prefers evil as evil; but induced by the pleasure that is in it, and imagining it good, considers it desirable—such being the case, to free ourselves from ignorance, and from evil and voluptuous choice, and above all, to withhold our assent from those delusive phantasies, depends on ourselves. The devil is called “thief and robber;” having mixed false prophets with the prophets, as tares with the wheat. “All, then, that came before the Lord, were thieves and robbers;” not absolutely all men, but all the false prophets, and all who were not properly sent by Him. For the false prophets possessed the prophetic name dishonestly, being prophets, but prophets of the liar. For the Lord says, “You are of your father the devil; and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.” [John 8:44]...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 1.

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[ch. 16]

...But if the Hellenic philosophy comprehends not the whole extent of the truth, and besides is destitute of strength to perform the commandments of the Lord, yet it prepares the way for the truly royal teaching; training in some way or other, and moulding the character, and fitting him who believes in Providence for the reception of the truth.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 1.

[Note. Chapter 14 of Book 1 contains an interesting survey of the history of philosophy.]

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[10 April 2017]

This past week, and on my time off from my regular work and studies, I went through a number of JFK assassination related videos on YouTube, taking notes and considering and re-consideration different points in the case, and thought I would write up a little summary and review of my thoughts pertaining to that controversy. In the opinions I express that follow, I may admittedly in a given instance be mistaken or need to modify my position, but if so I hope you understand that I am at least willing to hear counter arguments and try to be fair and impartial in my doing so. This said, below are some thoughts and conclusions I adopt on the JFK assassination at present.

In my approach to the case I believe very strong in the principle of innocent until proven guilty, and that we should in general lean toward giving people accused the benefit of the doubt; not least of which when it comes to questions of motive. If I have learned anything in life, it is that more often than not people do wrong while in their own minds thinking themselves benevolent and meaning well; no matter how blameworthy the action is otherwise.

First, I am inclined to think Oswald was not the assassin, or at least evidence claiming he was is no fully convincing, and that almost certainly he was set up by others to take the rap. This is not to say he may have been guilty of something, perhaps he was (say, resisting arrest at the Texas theater.) But as far as his killing either Kennedy or Tippit, I am as yet unpersuaded.

Although I don't have the time to go into them in any detail here, the following points (in no particular order) raised by others (or myself) seem to me to show that the Warren Commission's findings at minimum deserve reconsideration if not outright rejection. Of course, this does not pretend by any means to be a complete list, but only some of the arguments that to me and off-hand appear to be among the most compelling.

1. Murder of Oswald by Ruby; with implications that the former was possibly being silenced; and including how Ruby could make his way into the police garage (described by reporters on the scene as "an armed camp") without being either recognized or inspected.
2. That Oswald should "just happened" to have job at a location along the motorcade route seems too good to be true.
3. The tampering and disappearance of medical and other evidence (including Zapruder film), as for instance brought out in the work of David Lifton and Douglas P. Horne, strikes me as both confirmed and wholly inexcusable. (I would, however, like a better and more clear explanation, by Lifton and or Horne, as to how the body switch was made on the plane, and how the real body was moved unseen to Bethesda before the fake casket.)
4. The discrepancy between the Mauser found and the alleged Mannlicher Carcano.
5. The extraordinarily bizarre character of Tippit shooting appears extremely suspicious and inexplicable; so much so that I would even be willing to consider a theory that Tippit wasn't actually killed at all, and that perhaps his death was even faked and a put on.
6. As Mark Lane brought to our attention, paraffin test on Oswald by Dallas police show he did not fire a gun.
7. The too man to name witnesses and investigators, like Roger Craig or Dorothy Kilgallen, who were shortly after murdered or suffered an untimely death clearly suggests a possible cover up.



8. Bullet found on stretcher at Parkland Hospital seems little short of ridiculous.
9. Early reports, including by doctors at Parkland, that JFK was shot in the right temple.

Other points that argue in favor of the cover-up or conspiracy view are brought out in the following discussions, and which I highly recommend for any examining the case:

1. Regarding possible Oswald double theory:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMAc7WKMP2c>  
["Who impersonated Lee Harvey Oswald?."]
2. The Girl on the Stairs story.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H26auGV\\_IJ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H26auGV_IJ4)  
["Barry Ernest: The Girl on the Stairs"]
3. Oswald phone call to N.C. after arrest in Dallas.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsItiPfnzLI>  
["Lee Harvey Oswald's Phone Call Before Assassination" -- should read "after the assassination"]
4. Not on YouTube, but which I saw on tv years back but now can't find it on DVD or anywhere:  
"JFK Last Days" (2004, President John F. Kennedy's last days in office; from series "Time and Again" with Jane Pauley.

Two videos I watched this weekend and that I found very interesting were interviews with persons who believe the Warren report:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RKlu2VAZ7Q>  
["Kennedy Assassination ~ Malcolm Kilduff Interview" - done at Sixth Floor Museum]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xZwHAY60WE>  
["Q&A: Gerald Blaine & Clint Hill" - interview of C-SPAN]; see also Vince Palamara's response to this on his channel.

As much as I over all disagree with the pro-Warren report people, in such interviews as this they come across as likeable and personable individuals. It is almost comical how Vince Palamara at times has vilified Clint Hill, when even if Hill is misguided or mistaken, he comes across otherwise as being a credible and good person. And yet it is not hard to see certain regrettable tendencies that perhaps might explain their attitudes, and which they could be faulted as follows; while asking do they take the position they do simply not to prevent themselves from being ostracized?

1. They resort to straw man arguments, citing, for instance, ridiculous conspiracy claims like Bill Greer was the gunman, while ignoring sound ones.
2. They make little or no effort to be actually impartial and objective. After all how can they be so sure the conspiracy theorists are on every point absolutely and incontrovertibly wrong?
3. Not Killduff, Blaine or Hill, but some pro Warren people at length bring up allegations, whether true or false, of Kennedy being a womanizer or a drug taker (the "Dr. Feelgood story) risking the safety of the nation. Now really, what possible relevance does this have to proving Oswald's guilt?

The following I don't believe:

1. Badge Man -- I just don't see it.
2. Beverly Oliver -- she *could* be the Babushka lady, and she seems sincere, but I frankly can't help but be suspicious of her claims.
3. Joseph McBride's take on the Tippit case to me is suspect. Again I may be wrong, but I find his version rather too broad brush with Tippit's character, evincing a certain unwarranted presumption and unfairness. Also how solid is his proof that he actually interviewed Tippit's father, and that what he recorded was what was actually said?
4. Oliver Stone's "JFK" is in large measure as absurd as the pro-Warren Commission people say it is; but he does deserve credit for bringing attention to the work of Jim Garrison.

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[ch. 7]

The Greek preparatory culture, therefore, with philosophy itself, is shown to have come down from God to men, not with a definite direction but in the way in which showers fall down on the good land, and on the dunghill, and on the houses. And similarly both the grass and the wheat sprout; and the figs and any other reckless trees grow on sepulchres. And things that grow, appear as a type of truths. For they enjoy the same influence of the rain. But they have not the same grace as those which spring up in rich soil, inasmuch as they are withered or plucked up. And here we are aided by the parable of the sower, which the Lord interpreted. For the husbandman of the soil which is among men is one; He who from the beginning, from the foundation of the world, sowed nutritious seeds; He who in each age rained down the Lord, the Word. But the times and places which received [such gifts], created the differences which exist. Further, the husbandman sows not only wheat (of which there are many varieties), but also other seeds—barley, and beans, and peas, and vetches, and vegetable and flower seeds. And to the same husbandry belongs both planting and the operations necessary in the nurseries, and gardens, and orchards, and the planning and rearing of all sorts of trees.

In like manner, not only the care of sheep, but the care of herds, and breeding of horses, and dogs, and bee-craft, all arts, and to speak comprehensively, the care of flocks and the rearing of animals, differ from each other more or less, but are all useful for life. And philosophy—I do not mean the Stoic, or the Platonic, or the Epicurean, or the Aristotelian, but whatever has been well said by each of those sects, which teach righteousness along with a science pervaded by piety—this eclectic whole I call philosophy. But such conclusions of human reasonings, as men have cut away and falsified, I would never call divine.

And now we must look also at this, that if ever those who know not how to do well, live well; for they have lighted on well-doing. Some, too, have aimed well at the word of truth through understanding. “But Abraham was not justified by works, but by faith.” [Romans 4] It is therefore of no advantage to them after the end of life, even if they do good works now, if they have not faith. Wherefore also the Scriptures were translated into the language of the Greeks, in order that they might never be able to allege the excuse of ignorance, inasmuch as they are able to hear also what we have in our hands, if they only wish. One speaks in one way of the truth, in another way the truth interprets itself. The guessing at truth is one thing, and truth itself is another. Resemblance is one thing, the thing itself is another. And the one results from learning and practice, the other from power and faith. For the teaching of piety is a gift, but faith is grace. “For by doing the will of God we know the will of God.” [John 7:17] “Open, then,” says the Scripture, “the gates of righteousness; and I will enter in, and confess to the Lord.” But the paths to righteousness (since God saves in many ways, for He is good) are many and various, and lead to the Lord's way and gate. And if you ask the royal and true entrance, you will hear, “This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in by it.” While there are many gates open, that in righteousness is in Christ, by which all the blessed enter, and direct their steps in the sanctity of knowledge. Now Clemens, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, while expounding the differences of those who are approved according to the Church, says expressly, “One may be a believer; one may be powerful in uttering knowledge; one may be wise in discriminating between words; one may be terrible in deeds.”

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 1.

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Listening to a program that discussed hypnotism earlier today, I thought I might offer my own brief and passing comments on the subject, particularly in light of my experience with crackpot the magician, and which are as follows:

In the course of dream productions, I myself have been hypnotized to think or react a certain way. However, the force of the hypnotist/magician commands is limited and restricted by my own inherent willingness to think or do the thing. So that, in other words, the more I am, when fully conscious and normally, not inclined to do a thing, the less possible is it for the hypnotist to get me to think or react that way asleep, say, in a dream production.

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[ch. 5]

...And Scripture will afford a testimony to what has been said in what follows. Sarah was at one time barren, being Abraham's wife. Sarah having no child, assigned her maid, by name Hagar, the Egyptian, to Abraham, in order to get children. Wisdom, therefore, who dwells with the man of faith (and Abraham was reckoned faithful and righteous), was still barren and without child in that generation, not having brought forth to Abraham anything allied to virtue. And she, as was proper, thought that he, being now in the time of progress, should have intercourse with secular culture first (by Egyptian the world is designated figuratively); and afterwards should approach to her according to divine providence, and beget Isaac...

...For it is not by nature, but by learning, that people become noble and good, as people also become physicians and pilots...

...Again, God has created us naturally social and just; whence justice must not be said to take its rise from implantation alone. But the good imparted by creation is to be conceived of as excited by the commandment; the soul being trained to be willing to select what is noblest.

But as we say that a man can be a believer without learning, so also we assert that it is impossible for a man without learning to comprehend the things which are declared in the faith. But to adopt what is well said, and not to adopt the reverse, is caused not simply by faith, but by faith combined with knowledge. But if ignorance is want of training and of instruction, then teaching produces knowledge of divine and human things. But just as it is possible to live rightly in penury of this world's good things, so also in abundance. And we avow, that at once with more ease and more speed will one attain to virtue through previous training. But it is not such as to be unattainable without it; but it is attainable only when they have learned, and have had their senses exercised. [Hebrews 5:14] “For hatred,” says Solomon, “raises strife, but instruction guards the ways of life;” in such a way that we are not deceived nor deluded by those who are practiced in base arts for the injury of those who hear. “But instruction wanders reproachless,” [Proverbs 10:19] it is said. We must be conversant with the art of reasoning, for the purpose of confuting the deceitful opinions of the sophists. Well and felicitously, therefore, does Anaxarchus write in his book respecting “kingly rule:” “Erudition benefits greatly and hurts greatly him who possesses it; it helps him who is worthy, and injures him who utters readily every word, and before the whole people. It is necessary to know the measure of time. For this is the end of wisdom. And those who sing at the doors, even if they sing skilfully, are not reckoned wise, but have the reputation of folly.” And Hesiod:—

“Of the Muses, who make a man loquacious, divine, vocal.”

For him who is fluent in words he calls loquacious; and him who is clever, vocal; and “divine,” him who is skilled, a philosopher, and acquainted with the truth.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 1.

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[ch. 1]

“...For we are God's husbandmen, God's husbandry. You are God's building,” [1 Corinthians 3:8-9] according to the apostle. Wherefore the hearers are not permitted to apply the test of comparison. Nor is the word, given for investigation, to be committed to those who have been reared in the arts of all kinds of words, and in the power of inflated attempts at proof; whose minds are already pre-occupied, and have not been previously emptied. But whoever chooses to banquet on faith, is steadfast for the reception of the divine words, having acquired already faith as a power of judging, according to reason. Hence ensues to him persuasion in abundance. And this was the meaning of that saying of prophecy, “If you believe not, neither shall you understand.” [Isaiah 7:9] “As, then, we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to the household of faith.” [Galatians 6:10] And let each of these, according to the blessed David, sing, giving thanks. “You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed. You shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than the snow. You shall make me to hear gladness and joy, and the bones which have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins. Blot out mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in my inward parts. Cast me not away from Your face, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and establish me with Your princely spirit.” ...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Stromata\*](#), Book 1.

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Our national (bi-partisan) entertainment coordinator: He hides for a very good reason. Namely, he doesn't want you to know who or what he is.

And yet remember the time when great songs like this were about as common as rain? Then you could publish books, put out records, or produce movies without having to be members of the mass media (read "nazi") party?

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKtOP58CtvY>

["Jonathan Edwards - Sunshine (Go Away Today) - Live 2009"]

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[ch. 7]

...In a word, the Christian is characterized by composure, tranquillity, calmness, and peace.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Paedagogus\*](#), Book 3.

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[ch. 1]

...“It is good, then, neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine,” [Romans 14:21] as both he and the Pythagoreans acknowledge. For this is rather characteristic of a beast; and the fumes arising from them being dense, darken the soul. If one partakes of them, he does not sin. Only let him partake temperately, not dependent on them, nor gaping after fine fare. For a voice will whisper to him, saying, “Destroy not the work of God for the sake of food.” [Romans 14:20]...

...Said the Lord [Luke 24:41-44] to the disciples after the resurrection; and they, as taught by Him to practice frugality, “gave Him a piece of broiled fish;” and having eaten before them, says Luke, He spoke to them what He spoke. And in addition to these, it is not to be overlooked that those who feed according to the Word are not debarred from dainties in the shape of honey-combs. For of articles of food, those are the most suitable which are fit for immediate use without fire, since they are readiest; and second to these are those which are simplest, as we said before. But those who bend around inflammatory tables, nourishing their own diseases, are ruled by a most lickerish demon, whom I shall not blush to call the Belly-demon, and the worst and most abandoned of demons. He is therefore exactly like the one who is called the Ventriloquist-demon. It is far better to be happy than to have a demon dwelling with us. And happiness is found in the practice of virtue. Accordingly, the apostle Matthew partook of seeds, and nuts, and vegetables, without flesh...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Paedagogus\*](#), Book 2.

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(For such who may find this a help.)

Any image can be translated or converted into a geometrical figure and mathematical formula or equation. If then an unwelcome or offending image recurs, instead of seeing the image itself, see or look to rather (and with your mind's eye) the formula or equation by which it is (or may be said to be) constructed.

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By everlasting fire, I have come to think that, at least in part, the Gospels mean interminable quarreling.

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I have also come to think that (real) heaven doesn't rescue those in danger as much as they might, because to do so would only encourage these people to do more and worse.

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"From Tacitus historians learned that human actions are only fully intelligible to him who understands human motives. And that was a very important lesson."  
J.A.K. Thomson, *The Classical Background of English Literature* (1948), p. 99.

In the same book, Thomson also reminds us that it was Plutarch who taught that character is destiny; which, based on his plays, was one of Shakespeare's core beliefs regarding a given person's fate.

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Even if you reject Plato's world of pure ideas or ideals, there can be no question that everyone here (in this life) is necessarily and to some greater or lesser degree living in a world of shadows.

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[The foolish man turned to idols] Forasmuch as he knew not his maker and him that inspired into him the soul that worketh, and that breathed into him a living spirit.  
Yea and they have counted our life a pastime, and the business of life to be gain, and that we must be getting every way, even out of evil...  
But all the enemies of thy people [the gods?] that hold them in subjection, are foolish, and unhappy, and proud beyond measure.  
~ *Book of Wisdom*, 15: 11-12, 14

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From 1974 (Brussell herself died in 1988.) She makes a very interesting case. Donald DeFreeze mentioned, incidentally, was the putative head of the SLA.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-WbhZNnw0k>

["Mae Brussell - Dialogue Conspiracy (4-22-74) Patty Hearst Joins The SLA"]

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I needed to watch this again as therapy. I think Murnau's intent was to show how (at least for many) evil so readily and easily shows up in life, and divine intervention much less so. This is not least brought out in the sequence where Count Orlock nonchalantly passes in front of a church carrying his coffin.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLfBY2w8reo>

["Nosferatu 1922 [Full Feature - Enhanced, Stabilized] 1080p"]

Also don't miss this great documentary and which shows many of the filming locations as they look today. The well chosen scenery itself has an eerie background voice of its own in the 1922 film, accompanying the formal production and make believe.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0egcqCGqiYQ>

["Nosferatu - making of - The Language of Shadows HC" - from Kino video]

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[ch. 13]

Everything that is contrary to right reason is sin. Accordingly, therefore, the philosophers think fit to define the most generic passions thus: lust, as desire disobedient to reason; fear, as weakness disobedient to reason; pleasure, as an elation of the spirit disobedient to reason. If, then, disobedience in reference to reason is the generating cause of sin, how shall we escape the conclusion, that obedience to reason— the Word— which we call faith, will of necessity be the efficacious cause of duty? For virtue itself is a state of the soul rendered harmonious by reason in respect to the whole life. Nay, to crown all, philosophy itself is pronounced to be the cultivation of right reason; so that, necessarily, whatever is done through error of reason is transgression, and is rightly called, sin. Since, then, the first man sinned and disobeyed God, it is said, “And man became like to the beasts:” being rightly regarded as irrational, he is likened to the beasts...

...Whence also duties are essential for divine discipline, as being enjoined by God, and furnished for our salvation. And since, of those things which are necessary, some relate only to life here, and others, which relate to the blessed life yonder, wing us for flight hence; so, in an analogous manner, of duties, some are ordained with reference to life, others for the blessed life. The commandments issued with respect to natural life are published to the multitude; but those that are suited for living well, and from which eternal life springs, we have to consider, as in a sketch, as we read them out of the Scriptures...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Paedagogus\*](#), Book 1.

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If you have time for a full length movie, give "House of Cards" (1968), with George Peppard, Inger Stevens, Keith Michell and Orson Welles, a try. I hadn't seen this before and don't usually go in for political action thrillers, and the story is as usual with such films too unbelievable, but this very stylish sixties romp is well done and makes for good entertainment, again, if you have the time. For part 2, see (at DailyMotion but also available on YouTube):

[http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2bj1k\\_house-of-cards-1968-1-2\\_lifestyle](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2bj1k_house-of-cards-1968-1-2_lifestyle)

["House of Cards (1968) 1/2"]

[http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2bjk17\\_house-of-cards-1968-2-2\\_lifestyle](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2bjk17_house-of-cards-1968-2-2_lifestyle)

["House of Cards (1968) 2/2"]

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[ch. 12]

...But let us, O children of the good Father— nurslings of the good Instructor— fulfill the Father's will, listen to the Word, and take on the impress of the truly saving life of our Saviour; and meditating on the heavenly mode of life according to which we have been deified, let us anoint ourselves with the perennial immortal bloom of gladness— that ointment of sweet fragrance— having a clear example of immortality in the walk and conversation of the Lord; and following the footsteps of God, to whom alone it belongs to consider, and whose care it is to see to, the way and manner in which the life of men may be made more healthy. Besides, He makes preparation for a self-sufficing mode of life, for simplicity, and for girding up our loins, and for free and unimpeded readiness of our journey; in order to the attainment of an eternity of beatitude, teaching each one of us to be his own storehouse. For He says, “Take no anxious thought for tomorrow,” [Matthew 6:34] meaning that the man who has devoted himself to Christ ought to be sufficient to himself, and servant to himself, and moreover lead a life which provides for each day by itself. For it is not in war, but in peace, that we are trained. War needs great preparation, and luxury craves profusion; but peace and love, simple and quiet sisters, require no arms nor excessive preparation. The Word is their sustenance...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*The Paedagogus\*](#), Book 1.

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And who does THIS make you think of? (Reminds me of Anger Management, only the 1980s version.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFdWBC9vbHg>

["The Incredible Hulk TV Series 1978" -- Bixby, Ferigno; promo-trailer for season 2 DVD set]

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[ch. 6]

...O mystic marvel! The universal Father is one, and one the universal Word; and the Holy Spirit is one and the same everywhere, and

one is the only virgin mother. I love to call her the Church. This mother, when alone, had not milk, because alone she was not a woman. But she is once virgin and mother— pure as a virgin, loving as a mother. And calling her children to her, she nurses them with holy milk, viz., with the Word for childhood. Therefore she had not milk; for the milk was this child fair and comely, the body of Christ, which nourishes by the Word the young brood, which the Lord Himself brought forth in throes of the flesh, which the Lord Himself swathed in His precious blood. O amazing birth! O holy swaddling bands! The Word is all to the child, both father and mother and tutor and nurse. "Eat my flesh," He says, "and drink my blood." [John 6:53-54] Such is the suitable food which the Lord ministers, and He offers His flesh and pours forth His blood, and nothing is wanting for the children's growth. O amazing mystery! We are enjoined to cast off the old and carnal corruption, as also the old nutriment, receiving in exchange another new regimen, that of Christ, receiving Him if we can, to hide Him within; and that, enshrining the Saviour in our souls, we may correct the affections of our flesh...

...And that the blood is the Word, is testified by the blood of Abel, the righteous interceding with God. For the blood would never have uttered a voice, had it not been regarded as the Word: for the righteous man of old is the type of the new righteous one; and the blood of old that interceded, intercedes in the place of the new blood. And the blood that is the Word cries to God, since it intimated that the Word was to suffer...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Paedagogus*, Book 1.

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(I watched this last night on YouTube, and left the subsequent comment and that I thought I would share here also.)

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsItiPfnzLI>

["Lee Harvey Oswald's Phone Call Before Assassination" -- should read "after the assassination"]

Whenever you point the finger at someone, be sure to be right because if you aren't two things happen: the innocent (or else mostly innocent) are blamed and the guilty go free. Jim Marrs has some very good and interesting things to say, but he too often seems trigger happy at pointing the finger and a bit hasty at assuming conclusions. When people do the wrong thing it is not always because they intend wrong doing or a bad result, or that they themselves wish the crime or bad act to take place. Some people do wrong because others force them to; for example because of black mail. While Johnson, then and for instance, did or may have aided a cover up, it may be he did so because he was blackmailed, or because he thought it was better for the country not to pursue conspirators, and any number and more possible motives. And yet when you hear talks like this, not infrequently someone likes to jump to the conclusion simply that Johnson wanted to have Kennedy removed to start the Vietnam War and help Wall Street bankers and magnates. Perhaps. But are there not at least a dozen other possible motives? Why be so sure and quick to assume that one; including the assumption that Johnson acted with criminal mens rea at all? Another reason people do wrong, in addition to their own willful intent or else criminal coercion by the others (e.g., blackmail), is that they may be deceived and tricked into doing the wrong thing. If this is true, say and using the example of Johnson again, and that Johnson was tricked, what sense does it make to blame him for anything but being mistaken and or stupid? Be careful then folks in taking in as true all that you hear from people whom we have every good reason to believe mean well.

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9BnbAKodjA>

["Rolling Stones 2000 Light Years from Home Glastonbury 2013"]

i.e., "Get back...Get back..Get back to where you once belonged..."

"Down from th' Ecliptic, sped with hop'd success,  
Throws his steep flight in many an Aerie wheele,  
Nor staid, till on Niphates top he lights..."

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpmmbhHo2rk>

["Speedo, The Cadillacs." -- live PBS special, green/white outfits]

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[ch. 3]

...But what is loveable, and is not also loved by Him? And man has been proved to be loveable; consequently man is loved by God.

For how shall he not be loved for whose sake the only-begotten Son is sent from the Father's bosom, the Word of faith, the faith which is superabundant; the Lord Himself distinctly confessing and saying, "For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me;" [John 16:27] and again, "And hast loved them as You have loved Me?" [John 17:23...]

...But the Word is keen-sighted, and scans the recesses of the heart. As, then, that is not light which enlightens not, nor motion that moves not, nor loving which loves not, so neither is that good which profits not, nor guides to salvation. Let us then aim at the fulfilment of the commandments by the works of the Lord; for the Word Himself also, having openly become flesh, [John 1:14] exhibited the same virtue, both practical and contemplative. Wherefore let us regard the Word as law, and His commands and counsels as the short and straight paths to immortality; for His precepts are full of persuasion, not of fear...  
~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Paedagogus*, Book 1.

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[ch. 2]

Now, O you, my children, our Instructor is like His Father God, whose son He is, sinless, blameless, and with a soul devoid of passion; God in the form of man, stainless, the minister of His Father's will, the Word who is God, who is in the Father, who is at the Father's right hand, and with the form of God is God. He is to us a spotless image; to Him we are to try with all our might to assimilate our souls. He is wholly free from human passions; wherefore also He alone is judge, because He alone is sinless. As far, however, as we can, let us try to sin as little as possible. For nothing is so urgent in the first place as deliverance from passions and disorders, and then the checking of our liability to fall into sins that have become habitual. It is best, therefore, not to sin at all in any way, which we assert to be the prerogative of God alone; next to keep clear of voluntary transgressions, which is characteristic of the wise man; thirdly, not to fall into many involuntary offenses, which is peculiar to those who have been excellently trained. Not to continue long in sins, let that be ranked last. But this also is salutary to those who are called back to repentance, to renew the contest...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *The Paedagogus*, Book 1.

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### *A Person of Mystery*

Lord indeed help the poor children and animals! Its hard enough living these days even for grown adults with money -- even moreover such with philosophical, religious and military training.

Why so much trouble? So much trouble making?

There are it seems four basic sorts of deceived and misled people: those who act badly in order they might be or seem great; those who act badly in order to be accepted; those who do bad in order, as they see it, to avoid being punished (i.e., for not acting badly); and last those who see themselves as the wrath of God -- all of whom strain to great length to make it appear as if they know what they are doing.

For some time now I have exerted myself to try and unmask who *he* is that leads all these aforesaid others on.

About a month ago or so I got to calling him the Ghoul, based on the innumerable atrocities and tragedies he and his followers have brought about. Yet what was most amusing was that goomer ghost (think of the latter as a sort of spirit person Sgt. Schultz) responded by, in effect, reacting and with some alarm "you should not call him that." I replied by saying, why not; for who better deserves the title? Yet how interesting that they would be offended by such a thing, and so you see this tells us a little something about him.

Of note also, in the country he comes from they don't mind their own business. And this is a regular trait of his. We might also with good reason infer he feels terribly sorry for himself, and as a result and for some strange cause feels the need to spend his time continually bothering people. (Why we might inquire should the one necessarily follow the other?)

At other times, I have come to see him as some sort of great failure. (Only afterward did it occur to me that "failure" is synonymous with "loser.") That is, since he could not do anything much worthwhile, he decided instead to take up a grandiose career of crime, and become someone great at that occupation; while at the same time using the same to shock others into his alleged ultra-importance. To better effect his purpose, it is part of his method to get others to be like him, and if and to the extent they do not, he holds a dire and violent grudge against them.

As well, he's figured out yet another way to bolster his status. Any one of us needs this or that thing, and here is undoubtedly someone somewhere who is ready and willing to provide it. He therefore makes it a point of seeing we cannot get it without his permission and will, and by various means obstructs people's communications.

I cannot help but think that happiness and peace, based in honest, rational, moral and charitable love, in turn grounded in religious faith, are something to believe in and are, as God allows, to a large degree obtainable. But the simple logic of the matter is you can't have happiness and peace if the likes of him are empowered in your midst to work their wiles. The conclusion to be drawn then? Rid yourself of or incarcerate him and his regular followers. Not however as matter of vengeance, but rather in the same way the law is supposed to remove criminals.

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[ch. 10]

...By sad experience, even a child knows how superstition destroys and piety saves. Let any of you look at those who minister before the idols, their hair matted, their persons disgraced with filthy and tattered clothes; who never come near a bath, and let their nails grow to an extraordinary length, like wild beasts; many of them castrated, who show the idol's temples to be in reality graves or prisons. These appear to me to bewail the gods, not to worship them, and their sufferings to be worthy of pity rather than piety. And seeing these things, do you still continue blind, and will you not look up to the Ruler of all, the Lord of the universe? And will you not escape from those dungeons, and flee to the mercy that comes down from heaven? For God, of His great love to man, comes to the help of man, as the mother-bird flies to one of her young that has fallen out of the nest; and if a serpent open its mouth to swallow the little bird, "the mother flutters round, uttering cries of grief over her dear progeny;" and God the Father seeks His creature, and heals his transgression, and pursues the serpent, and recovers the young one, and incites it to fly up to the nest...

And I would ask you, if it does not appear to you monstrous, that you men who are God's handiwork, who have received your souls from Him, and belong wholly to God, should be subject to another master, and, what is more, serve the tyrant instead of the rightful King — the evil one instead of the good? For, in the name of truth, what man in his senses turns his back on good, and attaches himself to evil? What, then, is he who flees from God to consort with demons? Who, that may become a son of God, prefers to be in bondage? Or who is he that pursues his way to Erebus, when it is in his power to be a citizen of heaven, and to cultivate Paradise, and walk about in heaven and partake of the tree of life and immortality, and, cleaving his way through the sky in the track of the luminous cloud, behold, like Elias, the rain of salvation? Some there are, who, like worms wallowing in marshes and mud in the streams of pleasure, feed on foolish and useless delights— swinish men. For swine, it is said, like mud better than pure water; and, according to



Democritus, "doat upon dirt."

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*Exhortation to the Heathen\*](#)

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### *Thought for the Day*

As best as I can figure, he betrayed these innocent children and animals into the hands of satanic cruelty and evil, in order that, when all was said and done, his good buddy could build a billion dollar Star Wars museum.

Meanwhile, be not deceived. Real Heaven is not a spirit person virtual-reality show in the sky, rather "the kingdom of God is within you." Indeed, the problem with THEIR heaven is that there is not a single honest and courageous person to be found in it.

True religion, I submit, implies we are brothers and sisters; who are honest with and can trust and rely upon one another: not a bunch of lying and dissembling sojourners appealing to an unaccountable, invisible, supposed authority to justify their conniving and deceit.

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[ch. 9]

I could adduce ten thousand Scriptures of which not "one tittle shall pass away," [Matthew 5:18] without being fulfilled; for the mouth of the Lord the Holy Spirit has spoken these things. "Do not any longer," he says, "my son, despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of Him." [Proverbs 3:11] O surpassing love for man! Not as a teacher speaking to his pupils, not as a master to his domestics, nor as God to men, but as a father, does the Lord gently admonish his children. Thus Moses confesses that "he was filled with quaking and terror" [Hebrews 12:21] while he listened to God speaking concerning the Word. And are you not afraid as you hear the voice of the Divine Word? Are you not distressed? Do you not fear, and hasten to learn of Him—that is, to salvation—dreading wrath, loving grace, eagerly striving after the hope set before us, that you may shun the judgment threatened? Come, come, O my young people! For if you become not again as little children, and be born again, as says the Scripture, you shall not receive the truly existent Father, nor shall you ever enter into the kingdom of heaven. For in what way is a stranger permitted to enter? Well, as I take it, then, when he is enrolled and made a citizen, and receives one to stand to him in the relation of father, then will he be occupied with the Father's concerns, then shall he be deemed worthy to be made His heir, then will he share the kingdom of the Father with His own dear Son. For this is the first-born Church, composed of many good children; these are "the first-born enrolled in heaven, who hold high festival with so many myriads of angels." We, too, are first-born sons, who are reared by God, who are the genuine friends of the First-born, who first of all other men attained to the knowledge of God, who first were wrenched away from our sins, first severed from the devil. And now the more benevolent God is, the more impious men are; for He desires us from slaves to become sons, while they scorn to become sons. O the prodigious folly of being ashamed of the Lord! He offers freedom, you flee into bondage; He bestows salvation, you sink down into destruction; He confers everlasting life, you wait for punishment, and prefer the fire which the Lord "has prepared for the devil and his angels." [Matthew 25:41, 46] Wherefore the blessed apostle says: "I testify in the Lord, that you walk no longer as the Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind; having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness and concupiscence." [Ephesians 4:17-19] After the accusation of such a witness, and his invocation of God, what else remains for the unbelieving than judgment and condemnation? And the Lord, with ceaseless assiduity, exhorts, terrifies, urges, rouses, admonishes; He awakes from the sleep of darkness, and raises up those who have wandered in error. "Awake," He says, "you that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light," [Ephesians 5:14] — Christ, the Sun of the Resurrection, He "who was born before the morning star," and with His beams bestows life. Let no one then despise the Word, lest he unwittingly despise himself. For the Scripture somewhere says, "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, when your fathers proved Me by trial." And what was the trial? If you wish to learn, the Holy Spirit will show you: "And saw my works," He says, "forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in heart, and have not known My ways. So I swore in my wrath, they shall not enter into My rest." Look to the threatening! Look to the exhortation! Look to the punishment! Why, then, should we any longer change grace into wrath, and not receive the word with open ears, and entertain God as a guest in pure spirits? For great is the grace of His promise, "if today we hear His voice." And that today is lengthened out day by day, while it is called today. And to the end the today and the instruction continue; and then the true today, the never-ending day of God, extends over eternity. Let us then ever obey the voice of the divine word. For the today signifies eternity. And day is the symbol of light; and the light of men is the Word, by whom we behold God. Rightly, then, to those that have believed and obey, grace will superabound; while with those that have been unbelieving, and err in heart, and have not known the Lord's ways, which John commanded to make straight and to prepare, God is incensed, and those He threatens...

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*Exhortation to the Heathen\*](#)

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[From Face Book, 21 Jan. 2017]

"'There will be trying moments. The critics will rage. Your 'friends' will disappoint you,' George W. Bush wrote to Barack Obama. 'But, you will have an Almighty God to comfort you, a family who loves you, and a country that is pulling for you, including me.'"  
~ from *The Hill*

See: <http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/315174-bush-letter-to-obama-made-public-for-the-first-time>

[To which I quipped:]

That's all very well and good until it is explained that Bush Jr's "God" is the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

[A Bob Hope style yet joke well-said; because not a few people's idea of God, thanks often in part to spirit persons' influence, are no less childish and ludicrous.]

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If Trump is going to make America great again, it will be necessary for him to say to the National Entertainment Activities Coordinator (the same one employed by Obama) "You're fired!" Since evidently it was ostensibly the same person who provided him with most of his pre-inauguration show line-up.

Bad movies, bad television, bad music, bad internet, low and inferior culture -- and amoral, anti-intellectual, regularly disrespectful of traditional religion, viciously violent, one-note, unfunny culture generally -- proceeds from strangle-hold monopolies and power hungry executives of the mass media, in its various forms and genres, accompanied by brutal and surreptitious suppression of free competition and free enterprise. It is owing to such unfair or criminal trade practices that the culture to such a ruinous and sad degree gone down the tube these last 20 to 30 years.

Hillary Clinton was criticized by actress Susan Sarandon for being "soulless." Will this same charge apply also to Trump or will he, as part of his prospective reform program, take it to the mass media entertainment cheats and racketeers?

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Yes, but where was all the vitriol when the Bushes were elected? Really many of the outspoken and seeming humanitarians lead by the oligarchic, hypocritical mass media are merely mummified old school who assume outlandish salaries and whose greatest fear is the danger of having to compete for the same. Aside from some mislead dupes who are often nice people, these are the true rabble rousers, and bums and phonies that are emitting the greatest hue and cry. Trump may indeed have his shortcomings, but the fact is the democrats are to blame for not supporting Sanders, and instead backed an opportunist, albeit hugely talented and well meaning, actress. Had they done so, I would have had a much harder time voting.

Speaking as someone who has -- ahem, non stop --been subjected to physical torture since the Administration of Bush senior, including brain torture radios, multiple poisonings, being given disease (including such as yellow jaundice), armies of rats, ghosts and myriad acts of burglary, theft and vandalism (including having my pets murdered and kidnapped) and received absolutely no response from Federal and local law enforcement when I submitted to them a report of my situation (both personally and in writing) --- I for one frankly can't think the change in power any worse than it has been.

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[ch. 6]

For the sun never could show me the true God; but that healthful Word, that is the Sun of the soul, by whom alone, when He arises in the depths of the soul, the eye of the soul itself is irradiated. Whence accordingly, Democritus, not without reason, says, "that a few of the men of intellect, raising their hands upwards to what we Greeks now call the air, called the whole expanse Zeus, or God: He, too, knows all things, gives and takes away, and He is King of all"...

Whence, O Plato, is that hint of the truth which you give? Whence this rich copiousness of diction, which proclaims piety with oracular utterance? The tribes of the barbarians, he says, are wiser than these; I know your teachers, even if you would conceal them. You have learned geometry from the Egyptians, astronomy from the Babylonians; the charms of healing you have got from the Thracians; the Assyrians also have taught you many things; but for the laws that are consistent with truth, and your sentiments respecting God, you are indebted to the Hebrews,

"Who do not worship through vain deceits  
The works of men, of gold, and brass, and silver, and ivory,  
And images of dead men, of wood and stone,  
Which other men, led by their foolish inclinations, worship;  
But raise to heaven pure arms:  
When they rise from bed, purifying themselves with water,  
And worship alone the Eternal, who reigns for ever more."

And let it not be this one man alone — Plato; but, O philosophy, hasten to produce many others also, who declare the only true God to be God, through His inspiration, if in any measure they have grasped the truth. For Antisthenes did not think out this doctrine of the Cynics; but it is in virtue of his being a disciple of Socrates that he says, “that God is not like to any; wherefore no one can know Him from an image.” And Xenophon the Athenian would have in his own person committed freely to writing somewhat of the truth, and given the same testimony as Socrates, had he not been afraid of the cup of poison, which Socrates had to drink. But he hints nothing less; he says: “How great and powerful He is who moves all things, and is Himself at rest, is manifest; but what He is in form is not revealed. The sun himself, intended to be the source of light to all around, does not deem it fitting to allow himself to be looked at; but if any one audaciously gazes on him, he is deprived of sight.” Whence, then, does the son of Gryllus learn his wisdom? Is it not manifestly from the prophetess of the Hebrews who prophesies in the following style?—

“What flesh can see with the eye the celestial,  
The true, the immortal God, who inhabits the vault of heaven?  
Nay, men born mortal cannot even stand  
Before the rays of the sun.”

Cleanthes Pisadeus, the Stoic philosopher, who exhibits not a poetic theogony, but a true theology, has not concealed what sentiments he entertained respecting God:—

“If you ask me what is the nature of the good, listen:  
That which is regular, just, holy, pious.  
Self-governing, useful, fair, fitting,  
Grave, independent, always beneficial;  
That feels no fear or grief; profitable, painless,  
Helpful, pleasant, safe, friendly;  
Held in esteem, agreeing with itself, honourable;  
Humble, careful, meek, zealous,  
Perennial, blameless, ever-during:  
Mean is every one who looks to opinion  
With the view of obtaining some advantage from it.”

Here, as I think, he clearly teaches of what nature God is; and that the common opinion and religious customs enslave those that follow them, but seek not after God.

We must not either keep the Pythagoreans in the background, who say: “God is one; and He is not, as some suppose, outside of this frame of things, but within it; but, in all the entireness of His being, is in the whole circle of existence, surveying all nature, and blending in harmonious union the whole—the author of all His own forces and works, the giver of light in heaven, and Father of all—the mind and vital power of the whole world—the mover of all things.” For the knowledge of God, these utterances, written by those we have mentioned through the inspiration of God, and selected by us, may suffice even for the man that has but small power to examine into truth.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), *Exhortation to the Heathen*

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Grace at perhaps her nuttiest.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVB2QYf3DOU>

["Grace Slick - Seasons" - from Top of the Pops 1980 show]

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From 1966. Proof that Grace Slick and the Great Society were the inspiration for the Doors' sound. The original version of "Sally Go Round the Roses" came from an all girl Black group the Jaynetts from 1963.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NSy4i-5Qxw>

["Sally Go Round The Roses - Great Society (Grace Slick)"]

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*SIGNS OF THE TIMES*

Regardless of your feelings about the deranged church assassin, it is nothing short of amazing that someone who works regularly for the "Washington Post" AND received the Pulitzer Prize would formally title a commentary/article of theirs with "Dylann Roof is a Loser" (11 Jan. 2017). What is the going standard for becoming a Post writer and or receiving the heretofore illustrious journalistic and literary prize these days -- lame brain?

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dylann-roof-is-a-loser/2017/01/03/b5ed2f9a-d1f6-11e6-945a-76f69a399dd5\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.1d04189b83d6](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dylann-roof-is-a-loser/2017/01/03/b5ed2f9a-d1f6-11e6-945a-76f69a399dd5_story.html?utm_term=.1d04189b83d6)

But if that is bad, how about spending a billion dollars to bill a Star Wars museum?

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/heat-vision/george-lucas-selects-los-angeles-1-billion-museum-963313>

As Max Davidson says to Farina in the Little Rascals short "Moan and Groan, Inc." (1929) -- "Who's nuts?"

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yG85H5buOc0>

["The 5th Dimension - Wedding bell blues (video/audio edited & remastered) HQ" - Ed Sullivan show]

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"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pJ7gDbH0Nk>

["let's live for today the grass roots 1967" -- color tv appearance]

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See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQ5itYUNu70>

["Slade - Far Far Away • TopPop"]

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Since posting that last regarding Good Fight Ministries, some supplemental thoughts came to mind that I thought I would add. Mind you, the amount of things that might be said of value on the topic of criminal spirit people could easily take up one or more books, and I have already written much elsewhere on the same. But unless and until I get any response to what I write at this website, I don't feel it worthwhile further bothering beyond a few every now and then occasional remarks; such as these that follow.

\* When one engages in a contract or agreement with someone, it is not unusual for one party to back out or want to back out. Some of the rock stars mentioned in the aforesaid documentary that died early deaths may have suffered that because they were trying to get out of the bad "deal" they got themselves into. There is such a thing after all as repentance.

\* Not only the music business, but also other industries and institutions can be infiltrated, corrupted, and tampered with by criminal spirit people. Indeed any endeavor that is less than perfectly honest and that is not tied into big money will invariably succumb to these "other worldly" trouble-makers. Not least of which, the mass media generally, and which to my mind is, in our time, the bastion and headquarters of criminal spirit people, and as much and much more can be said for those who "Sold Their Soul for Hollywood (and the movie/television business)" as can be said for rock and roll culprits. Notice that the day of the big money rock star, outside of what have become nostalgia acts, is for the most part come to an end; while movies and tv -- highly undemocratic, uncompetitive, deviously manipulative, pushy, and almost wholly monopolistic (by way of trade associations) -- are still having hundreds of billions pumped into them for what by and large is complete and total junk and waste.

\* Not all devilment is the same. Some people are "devils" or devil affiliated insofar as they are dissembling, irresponsible rascals. By comparison a real Satanist is someone condoning things like casual violence, torture and murder, including human or animal sacrifice. Two signs indicating the latter or worsor sort are the almost complete lack of any *real* sense of humor/humility (as opposed to phony humor/humility) and a relentless need to degrade and humiliate others.

\* Who after all is the worst among us but he who brings about the greatest amount of willful and deliberate physical abuse and suffering, especially that which is obviously gratuitous and unjust (as opposed to, say, someone actuated to violence as a matter of imminent self-defense), while possessing the greatest amounts of worldly wealth and power? Granted this is not the only measure of rank evil, but on a practical level a very useful and easy to understand one.

\* Criminal spirit people tend to be very idle persons suffering from self-pity, jealousy and delusions of grandeur. One explanation for their strange manias and behaviors is that if they do not engage in such, people will soon come to ignore them. Doing evil meantime makes them into someone very important, as well as giving them something to do.

\* Not all symbols mean what they seem to mean. I noticed in the said documentary that an association was made between Aleister Crowley and the Eye of Horus, implying the latter was necessarily a satanic emblem. Yet of course it need not follow that because Crowley saw it that way that it must follow that that is what it means. I, for example, use the Eye of Horus at my website as a kind of sarcasm directed at the all seeing eye motif found in some free masonry and other institutional iconography; in addition to the fact that some spirit people use such a device in the way of an apparition (to awe their friends or opponents.) Also the Eye of Horus historically, way back when, had a morally positive connotation. In short, symbols do not always mean what we might reflexively think them to mean, and naturally one should be careful what one reads into them.

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This morning I had the most interesting and eye-opening experience of watching segments (as they are posted on YouTube) from the documentary "They Sold Their Souls for Rock and Roll" put out by Good Fight Ministries. While I am not prepared at the moment to address the subject in depth just now, I will say the producers of this documentary present good arguments for Rock and Roll having been in some instances heavily influenced by criminal spirit people, and while one might reasonably question some of the individual inferences made, over all I think the case the producers of this documentary make is a good one. Further, while admitting I like, allowing for certain qualifications depending on the performer, several of the rock acts they censure, I do think it a very bad thing that anyone of them welcomed demonic influence, and if so I would thoroughly condemn any such condoning of the occult, and which as you know I equate with criminal spirit people. I would however caution about determining out of hand if and whether a given person is influenced by criminal spirit people knowingly or unknowingly. There are different ways of deceiving people; moreover there are different kinds and in turn degrees of guilt, and it is possible to get someone to act badly without their realizing that is what they are doing. They think it enough that they mean well, and yet out foolishness end up doing something very wrong. As far as some of the rock acts covered in the documentary go, I rather think the performer did mean well, but was simply being made a fool of by criminal spirit people. The latter can as much do something not so dissimilar to a simple, dumb, innocent animal, and yet the animal has no conscious intent of doing wrong. Yet this said, each case has to be adjudged individually, and not everyone that is influenced by criminal spirit is entirely ignorant of what they are doing or involving themselves with, and so should indeed be roundly criticized for the same. Otherwise and viewing their productions with rational impartiality, I very much recommend and endorse what Good Fight Ministries is doing; only, again, not all of the evidence and inferences they present are as solidly grounded and properly fair as they ought to be. Yet all in all they make a good case else and certainly one worthy of consideration. It would help I think if as well as examining the receiving end of demonic influence, to probe and look into the character of criminal spirit people themselves. As it is criminal spirit people are too much and too often wrapped up in a phony mystique of their own creating and that only serves to further empower them.

To see the videos in question and Good Fight Ministries YouTube channel, go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe1PSKHqI4WF9ZTHGJCRg>

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A great crowd of this description rushes on my mind, introducing, as it were, a terrifying apparition of strange demons, speaking of fabulous and monstrous shapes, in old wives' talk. Far from enjoining men to listen to such tales are we, who avoid the practice of soothing our crying children, as the saying is, by telling them fabulous stories, being afraid of fostering in their minds the impiety professed by those who, though wise in their own conceit, have no more knowledge of the truth than infants. For why (in the name of truth!) do you make those who believe you subject to ruin and corruption, dire and irretrievable? Why, I beseech you, fill up life with idolatrous images, by feigning the winds, or the air, or fire, or earth, or stones, or stocks, or steel, or this universe, to be gods; and, prating loftily of the heavenly bodies in this much vaunted science of astrology, not astronomy, to those men who have truly wandered, talk of the wandering stars as gods? It is the Lord of the spirits, the Lord of the fire, the Maker of the universe, Him who lighted up the sun, that I long for. I seek after God, not the works of God. Whom shall I take as a helper in my inquiry? We do not, if you have no objection, wholly disown Plato. How, then, is God to be searched out, O Plato? "For both to find the Father and Maker of this universe is a work of difficulty; and having found Him, to declare Him fully, is impossible."

Why so? By Himself, I beseech you! For He can by no means be expressed. Well done, Plato! You have touched on the truth. But do not flag. Undertake with me the inquiry respecting the Good. For into all men whatever, especially those who are occupied with intellectual pursuits, a certain divine effluence has been instilled; wherefore, though reluctantly, they confess that God is one, indestructible, unbegotten, and that somewhere above in the tracts of heaven, in His own peculiar appropriate eminence, whence He surveys all things, He has an existence true and eternal.

~ Clement of Alexandria (c.150–c.215), [\*Exhortation to the Heathen\*](#)

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*Some Random Notes, Remarks*

Here we are now coming into 2017 and I still continue, after over 20 years, to be tortured and harassed by crack-pot the magician and the (so called) "speelburg" -- both themselves followers of the Ghoul; including the use of brain torture radios, ghost-face demonism (you will have to ask me what that refers to), dream productions -- and rats! Yes, by thus time I can assure you that in about the past five years I have had to kill something like 30 or 40 rats (using traps.) And every time they have been cleared out and after a lull, more return/are brought in.

Despite my various writings and appeals regarding my situation, I have received effectively zero response; either by way of writing or of visits from anyone.

Oh well, in case you ever find yourself hounded by a "god" or "demon," the following are some helpful things to say to them:

1. Pray for peace and say no to the worst teaching on recorded (demonism.)
2. May things be right, may things be good, may things be as they should.
3. There can be no bad thing. (I absolutely forbid it.)

Also in passing...

If you reject honest, rational truth, then don't expect or don't complain that there are not any right answers or effective solutions.

Nothing is but someone judges it to be so. The obvious question then is or becomes, who is the judge? Who is it that says this is so, or this is how it is, and what is supposed to be the rational justification (if rational justification is claimed) for their saying or believing so?

If anyone can prove me wrong or somehow mistaken (whether with regard to criminal spirit people or my long, ongoing situation), then I take it they can face me. But the fact is so far no one yet can or has even tried.

All children and animals should have a happy family and a happy home. (So why don't they?)

Answer: Society to a most dangerous and depressing degree respects demons and gods (those time honored providers of wealth, "love," and respectability) rather than they care less about the innocent, truth, or real happiness.

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*(Start the New Year Right!)*

- 1 Then shall the righteous one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at nought his labors.
- 2 Seeing this, the wicked shall be shaken with dreadful fear, and be amazed at the unexpected salvation.
- 3 They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is the one whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery,
- 4 fools that we were! His life we accounted madness, and death dishonored.
- 5 See how he is accounted among the heavenly beings; how his lot is with the holy ones!
- 6 We, then, have strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine for us, and the sun did not rise for us.
- 7 We were entangled in the thorns of mischief and of ruin; we journeyed through trackless deserts, but the way of the LORD we never knew.
- 8 What did our pride avail us? What have wealth and its boastfulness afforded us?
- 9 All of them passed like a shadow and like a fleeting rumor;
- 10 Like a ship traversing the heaving water: when it has passed, no trace can be found, no path of its keel in the waves.
- 11 Or like a bird flying through the air; no evidence of its course is to be found— But the fluid air, lashed by the beating of pinions, and cleft by the rushing force Of speeding wings, is traversed; and afterward no mark of passage can be found in it.
- 12 Or as, when an arrow has been shot at a mark, the parted air straightway flows together again so that none discerns the way it went—
- 13 Even so, once born, we abruptly came to nought and held no sign of virtue to display, but were consumed in our wickedness."
- 14 Yes, the hope of the wicked is like chaff borne by the wind, and like fine, storm-driven snow; Like smoke scattered by the wind, and like the passing memory of the nomad camping for a single day.
- 15 But the righteous live forever, and in the LORD is their recompense, and the thought of them is with the Most High.
- 16 Therefore shall they receive the splendid crown, the beautiful diadem, from the hand of the LORD, For he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm.
- 17 He shall take his zeal for armor and arm creation to requite the enemy,
- 18 Shall put on righteousness for a breastplate, wear sure judgment for a helmet,
- 19 Shall take invincible holiness for a shield,
- 20 and sharpen his sudden anger for a sword. The universe will war with him against the foolhardy;
- 21 Well-aimed bolts of lightning will go forth and from the clouds will leap to the mark as from a well-drawn bow;
- 22 and as from a sling, wrathful hailstones shall be hurled. The waters of the sea will be enraged and flooding rivers will overwhelm them;
- 23 A mighty wind will confront them and winnow them like a tempest; Thus lawlessness will lay waste the whole earth and evildoing

overturn the thrones of the mighty.  
~ *Book of Wisdom*, ch. 5.

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